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Curor over roof removal

Memorial Park
Workers are irate over
work has been done at
Veteran's Memorial

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Workers began
removing a Spanish-style roof
from the Albany Veteran's Memo-

rial building at Memorial Park last week, creating outrage among neighbors who were not told about the project and feel the new shingle roof is unattractive.

The look of the building should be left intact because it's pretty much the only historical building the city has, they said.

"You look at anything else that's public — the police department, civic center, high

NEW GROUP

A newly formed Memorial Park neighbors association will likely be meeting with county officials early next week to discuss the Albany Veteran's Memorial building roof project. For more information about the association, call Leif Magnuson at 510-528-7091 or e-mail magnuson@sbcglobal.net.

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HERMAN BUSTAMANTE JR./STAFF
A TRUCK is loaded with the old Spanish-style clay tiles removed from the Veterans Memorial building in Albany.



GREGORY URQUIGA/STAFF



TASTEFUL ALBANY

PEOPLE TURNED OUT to see art and magic, hear music, look at classic cars and, of course, taste the wares of the town's best restaurants along with fine wines at A Taste of Albany. The second annual spring festival was held Sunday, June 1 in Memorial Park. The California Repercussions, conducted by Doug McNamee, played high-energy swing for the crowd, which was estimated to number about 2,000. Among those who attended the festival were Joanna Pallock and her twin boys, Atticus and Koufax.



MEETING

The El Cerrito Design Review Board will look at the preliminary design for the Measure C BART garage at 7:30 p.m., June 18 at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

Planning commissioners questioned how commuters, firefighters and police would get into the building and garage when the plaza already has traffic-circulation problems.

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Plaza garage plan unveiled

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Planning Commission and a few residents have concerns about the density, traffic impacts and access issues of a new project slated for the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza shopping center.

A preliminary design for a new garage, apartments and a child care center on the approximately 3-acre site came before the city's planning commission Wednesday.

"I kind of like the concept but I have some concern over the way the site plan will feel when it's built out," said Commissioner Kathleen McKinley.

The project has not yet been officially filed with the city's planning department.

The proposal, from developer Forest Plaza Partners LLC, includes a four-story garage with about 500 parking spaces, an 80-unit residential complex, a 72-unit assisted-living facility and a child-care center on the first floor.

Both the apartment building and assisted-living facility would be five stories tall. About 100 spaces at the garage would be reserved for people living at the

site.

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Assemblywoman opens district office in El Cerrito

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city with the dominant Democratic outlook is now home to a state assemblywoman with the same views.

When she's not in Sacramento, Loni Hancock, assemblywoman for the 14th Assembly District, is now headquartered at El Cerrito Plaza. Her office used to be in Berkeley. Her district includes Richmond, El Cerrito, Berkeley, Albany, parts of Oakland, Moraga and Pleasant Hill.

The Berkeley resident wanted a centralized location for her district office.

"I'm hoping it will be a very convenient place for people," said Hancock.

Hancock was elected last November and she's been in office since January, just in time to address the state budget crisis.

The state needs to plug a \$36 billion gap in the general fund before the 2003-04 budget is passed, Hancock said.

She said it is important to raise taxes and fees that were cut in the mid-1990s so that as many state programs as possible are spared. Taxes, she said, are a way to pool money to pay for things that can't be bought alone, such as roads, hospitals and



Loni Hancock

FILE PHOTO

Circus arriving to stage benefit for Cerrito Theatre

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — During the month of June 13, the public has an opportunity to run of hours.

A Chimera will perform shows under a big top at Middle School. Half of net sale proceeds will go

to the city's Cerrito Theater restoration fund.

The shows will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13; at 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 14; and 12:30, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 15. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$8 for those 11 to 14 or 65 and older and free for children under 11.

Tickets can be purchased

from the members of the Friends of the Cerrito Theater or at El Cerrito Mitsubishi, 11858 San Pablo Ave., Leena's Cafe, 10833 San Pablo Avenue or Albertson's, 1000 El Cerrito Plaza.

Circus Chimera is considered a cross between Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, said Chimera CEO Jim Judkins.

A group of performers started it six years ago as a response to what they said was a lack of quality circuses in the country, he said. Performers come from all over the world and include jugglers, motorcycle riders in a "globe of death," acrobats, clowns and more.

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Martin Snapp

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Chamber seeking citizen, youth of year

The Albany Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its annual Citizen and Youth of the Year Awards.

Nominees must be residents of Albany, or students attending school in town. These awards honor individuals who have volunteered their time to make Albany a better place to live. The deadline for nominations is June 19.

To nominate someone, send a letter outlining the contributions of the nominee, their name, address and phone number, as well as your own, to: The Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94706.

Register now to read to those little ones

Teens are invited to volunteer for the Albany Library's "Read Me a Story" program this summer. On Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays from 2-4 p.m., teens will read their favorite picture books to preschoolers who "drop in" to the library with their parents.

Teens must register at the library and attend training on June 18 from 3-4 p.m. The scheduling of volunteer time is flexible. For more information, call Paul Rockwell at the Albany Library at 526-3720, ext. 17.

El Cerrito

Shadi garden contest winners announced

The winners of the Sundar Shadi Garden Contest, sponsored by the El Cerrito Garden Club, were announced at the June 2 City Council meeting.

The contest began in 1996 in response to a cash grant from Sundar Shadi, who asked that the garden club use it to beautify El Cerrito. The goal is to encourage property owners to create attractive gardens visible from the street. There were 27 entries this year.

Ed Nakano on the 700 block of Elm Street won best small garden; Ellen Deitsch on the 7300 block of Stockton Avenue won for second best small garden; Michelle and Julian Kaye on the 800 block of Sea View Drive won best medium garden; Christa Kraus, on the 800 block of Liberty Street won second best medium garden; Gordon Van Neww, on the 7400 block of Sea View Place won best large garden; Roger and Jean McGowan on the 7200 block of Cutting Boulevard won second best large garden; Lindalee Ausejo, on the 5800 block of Charles Avenue won the grand prize — most original garden; the Madera Elementary School PTA won best business garden.

Winners were awarded certificates from the El Cerrito Garden Club and gift certificates from Adachi Nursery, Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, East Bay Nursery, Flowerland and "Pacific Horticulture" magazine.

Author shares story of her childhood

The El Cerrito Library will host local author and therapist Rose Esther Fox on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. Fox grew up in Brooklyn during the Depression, a child of Jewish-Russian immigrants. Her memoirs are captured in her recent book, "A Rose Grew in Brooklyn: Stories from a Jewish Girlhood." She will read from her book and discuss the process of writing an autobiography. The library is at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information call 510-526-7512

Library's where the wild things are

Wild animals will be on display at the El Cerrito Library. Oakland Zoo's Zoomobile will present "Reptiles and Amphibians," Saturday, June 14, at 11 a.m. The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. For details call 510-526-7512.

Symphony show marks 25 years of music

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra will present its Silver Anniversary Celebration Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

The program, the finale of its 2002-03 subscription series, will feature pianist Daniel Glover performing Gottschalk's "Grand Tarantelle." The repertoire will include Kodaly's "Dances of Galanta" and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "New World."

The church is at 545 Ashbury Ave., across from El Cerrito High.

Suggested donation, at the door, is \$10 general, \$8 seniors, and children free. Call 510-524-4335.

Kensington

Sierra streams on Flyfishers' program

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers, a group dedicated to furthering the sport of fly-fishing through education and conservation, will host writer and film producer Stephen Rider Haggard in a program about fishing Sierra streams at its next meeting.

The Grizzly Peak Flyfishers will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. A fly-tying demonstration for beginners will be held at 6:30 p.m.; a light dinner will be available for a small charge beginning at 7 p.m. on a first-come, first served basis.

CORRECTION

The story "El Cerrito view ordinance comes back in sight" in the May 16 issue left out important information. It should have said that eucalyptus trees owned by Evelyn Kiresen on Seaview Drive had reached maturity more than 20 years ago, according to a certified arborist. In addition, it should have said that John Bear bought his home in 1994, according to the Nov. 14, 2000 Tree Commission meeting minutes.

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Two held in El Cerrito carjack of elderly woman

STAFF REPORT

SACRAMENTO — Police have arrested a Richmond teenager suspected of carjacking a 73-year-old El Cerrito woman, then using her car to rob a second woman in Sacramento County Jail.

The 17-year-old and a suspected accomplice, 20-year-old Vallejo resident Joseph Wendell Latour, were arrested on suspicion of robbery about 3:45 a.m.

The woman honked her horn to attract attention, Maples said,

Sunday on Imran Drive in Sacramento, said El Cerrito detective Sgt. Shawn Maples. They were booked into Sacramento County Jail.

Police said the 17-year-old approached the 73-year-old in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant on Cutting Boulevard about 8 p.m. Saturday and ordered her out of her 1990 Buick Regal.

The woman honked her horn to attract attention, Maples said,

but the suspect grabbed her by a purse strap hanging around her neck and yanked her out of the car.

During the second robbery, a Sacramento sheriff's deputy responding to a robbery report passed the Buick. Because the suspects matched the description of the robbers, he stopped the car.

The robbers had a cell phone and other property belonging to

ALBANY POLICE

Tuesday, May 27

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about 6:30 p.m. officers stopped a black '93 Saturn from San Pablo Avenue and Harrison Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 20-year-old Albany man, for drug possession and outstanding warrants from Livermore. He was cited and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, May 28

■ **CARJACKING ARREST** — At about 3:30 p.m. officers located a blue '99 Acura near Buchanan Street and I-80 that had been stolen during a carjacking in Sacramento. They arrested a 40-year-old man inside the car for carjacking and possession of stolen property. He was transported to Santa Rita Jail. The car was towed and the owner notified.

■ **THEFT** — A resident on the 1500 block of Sonoma Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a plant pot and ornamental items from her front lawn. There were no witnesses.

■ **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** — In the evening officers received a request from a San Francisco man to check on his daughter, who lives in Albany and was arguing with her new husband. Officers contacted the couple and arrested the 25-year-old Albany woman for causing corporal injury. She was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **ROBBERY** — At about 11 p.m. an Albany man reported he had just been attacked by two men while he was walking home on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue. He said that one of the attackers had a black revolver and hit him with it. They stole his money and fled the area running toward Portland Avenue. Police are investigating.

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■ **MAILBOX BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a mailbox on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a blue Volkswagen Golf parked on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Richmond police reported locating a red '93 Saturn stolen from Albany on May 24. It had been stripped and the front license plate was missing. They did not have anyone in custody. The car was towed and the owner notified.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — During the evening an Oakland woman reported that while her gray '91 Toyota pickup was parked on Buchanan Street near the waterfront park, thieves broke into it by smashing a window and stole her purse from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ **DISRUPTION** — At about 11:30 p.m. officers responded to the 400 block of Stannage Avenue on reports of several subjects behind a building who appeared to be smoking marijuana and were being very noisy. Officers contacted the group. They checked clear and were sent off with a warning.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — During the weekend the 1500 block of San Pablo Avenue was broken into and the car was stolen.

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Chamber names framer small business of 2003

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

CERRITO — For 32 years, Glenn has had loyal customers who over the years become friends, Glenn said. She helps them pick out the outer frame (molding) and the inside border (mat).

About 2,000 sample moldings — triangle corners of a frame — cover the walls of her store.

Customers ask her to frame artwork, medals, wedding and birth certificates, or pretty much anything personal and valuable.

"There are no basic rules when it comes to picture framing and everybody has a sense of what they like and what works for them," Glenn said, adding that she also teaches private classes, in which her goal is to get people to trust their intuition about what they like in a frame.

She gets a lot of satisfaction from using her hands to frame the items and finding the perfect molding and mat for her customers. It can sometimes turn into "20 Questions" to find out what people are looking for.

"Once I started working with people and they said 'Thank you, that's nice,' I went with it," Glenn said. "I didn't do it to make money. I did because it spoke to me, you might say, and you can give something back."

In addition to her commitment to her customers, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce recognized Glenn for her dedication to the community.

She has been a member of the chamber since 1984. Her volunteer work includes helping to build sets and costumes for the El Cerrito High School theater department, occasionally re-upholstering seats for the Con-

tra Costa Civic Theater and framing Hollywood memorabilia for an annual Harding Elementary School fund-raiser.

"If you're in business, you have to give back to the community," Glenn said, sitting in a chair among the prints and

frames at her store. "And I live in the community — I only live six blocks from here."

Glenn Custom Framing and Gallery of Art at 7027 Stockton Ave. can be reached at 510-558-1078.

KATHLEEN GLENN, owner of Glenn Custom Framing and Gallery of Art, is the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Small-Business Person of the Year for 2003.

Point Richmond set to be discovered with summer series

CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk



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music and art event in downtown Point Richmond, which will be closed to autos, but open to pedestrians.

The all-day event features local artists exhibiting their work, in addition to music by a number of groups.

There will also be a raffle, a sale of T-shirts, a production by the Masquers Youth Group and other activities.

Seville, who also is a member of the Richmond Art Commission, talks about the Point Richmond Music Committee. It's just a group of people who love music, she says.

The committee is chaired by Richmond businessman Joe Bagley, and was started last year at the suggestion of City Coun-

cilm Tom Butt. In fact, they meet at Butt's office and his son, Andrew, is on the committee.

Because the concerts are free, the group has approached the business community for support.

The committee listens to CDs and tapes of groups to find the finest and most interesting to present in their concerts. They meet on Wednesdays, and volunteer to do all the work, including making signs, publicity, setting up, etc.

"It's a labor of love," Michele says. Born in Mill Valley, Seville is a seventh-generation Californian.

She discovered Richmond about 13 years ago, and has been devoted to that city ever since. She says she does everything she can to erase the negative impression so many have of Richmond, and to educate the surrounding areas to the city's wonders.

She has volunteered widely, and speaks of the diversity and devotion of Richmond's citizens, and the many talented people who give of their talents in many ways for the community.

She loves the Richmond Art Center, which has been a part of

the Civic Center for many years, and the public art which is so much a part of that community.

Seville, a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute, worked for the Treasury Department and was active in the schools and in art events in San Francisco.

When she moved to Richmond, she discovered the Mural Project on Carlson Boulevard at Interstate 80. Michele became the project manager, rounded up two mini-grants, and helped organize fund-raising for the project. This led to her joining the Art Commission, and the Art Advisory Committee of the city. She has two children and two grandchildren.

Her love of Richmond and her passion for the arts make her an outstanding citizen.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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Berkeley girl receives rare Scouting honor

LAST FRIDAY, AT A special ceremony at Camp Herms in El Cerrito, 16-year-old Brianna Georgi of Berkeley was given the Silver Award, the highest level in Venture Scouting. It's the equivalent of Eagle Scout.

Venture Scouting is a branch of the Boy Scouts for kids 14 to 21, and it's the only one that admits girls. Brianna's "crew" (i.e. troop), Crew 24, is about 50-50 boy/girl.

Brianna is the first Scout of either sex in the history of the Herms District — from Berkeley to Crockett — to win the Silver Award. She's also the first girl to win in the history of the Mt. Diablo/Silverado Council, which takes in much of Northern California and Nevada.

The day before the big event, Brianna and two fellow Venture Scouts, Marie Bennett and Brandis Monroe, described Brianna's circuitous journey to the Silver Award, and their Scouting experiences.

Brianna started out in the Girl Scouts, joining the Daisies at age 5. She quickly moved up to the Brownies and Girl Scouts, but she hated it.

"We'd go to meetings and sing songs, while the boys were playing soccer and tag," she said. "They'd sit around the campfire, telling scary stories; we'd tell stories about bunnies and flowers."

That's when she dropped out for the first time. But a couple of years later, her mom convinced her to give it another try.

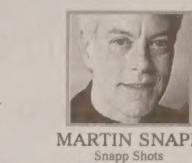
"I hated it even more," she said. "I sold cookies and made lanyards. I even got a merit badge for having my colors done!"

So she dropped out a second time. Then she heard about Venture Scouts and joined up.

"Within a week, I was down at Camp Philmont in New Mexico on a 10-day, 50-mile hike," she said. "I was so relieved. I could stop putting up a front. I could actually be who I was, doing what I want to do."

"Yeah," Brandis said. "We're not just baby-making cookie machines. We're people, too!"

As Venture Scouts, Brianna, Brandis and Marie spend their time camping, hiking, rock climbing, horseback riding — "all the outdoor stuff we love to do," Marie said.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

The only cloud on the horizon is the grownups. You see, Brianna and her friends are caught in the middle of a political chicken game.

On the one hand, they're under constant pressure from the Boy Scouts of America, which keeps hinting darkly about revoking their charter because they refuse to exclude gays, an attitude the girls find "silly."

"Who cares whether someone's straight or gay?" said Brianna. "All that matters is whether they're a good Scout."

"Homophobia is like racism," Marie said. "How can you say one is wrong and the other isn't?"

On the other hand, they're also under fire from local politically correct types, who are mad at them for having anything to do with BSA at all. Berkeley denied a branch of the Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, the customary nonprofit discount on docking fees at the Marina, forcing them to relocate to Richmond. And Brianna was barred from recruiting new Scouts on campus at her own school, Berkeley High.

Undaunted, she organized recruiting meetings at a nearby church, set up an Internet e-tree, staffed a recruiting booth at the Solano Stroll, placed ads in local papers, and button-holed every one of her friends. Among her first recruits: Brandis and Marie.

The girls find all this political correctness silly, too. "They're just discriminating against the discriminators," Brandis said. "They're becoming what they hate."

So what do they want to be when they grow up? Brianna is going to be a forest ranger. Brandis is going to work for the State Department. And Marie is planning a dual career: hair stylist and auto mechanic.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we had a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

EDITORIAL

Grads deserved better

NEXT WEEK high-school graduation ceremonies will be held in our communities. Bands are practicing "Pomp and Circumstance," seniors are ready to give their gowns experimental twirls and study themselves in the mirror to make sure their mortarboards are sitting at just the right angle. And they're probably toying with the idea of doing something goofy as they walk across the stage to accept their diplomas and a handshake.

Graduates, we salute you. It's an accomplishment to complete high school, whether you go on to a university, community college, the armed services, a job or time off to travel and get reacquainted with that person who's been buried under piles of textbooks and papers for four years.

High school graduation is a milestone, a transition from the kid-you to the adult-you — though most honest adults will tell you they didn't feel grown-up for years afterward.

And most honest adults should do something else: apologize for letting the last few years of your school lives be filled with uncertainty about which classes, teachers and services would next disappear out from under you.

School life is tough enough without having to worry about its very foundations eroding. And that's what's happening.

Many, many parents give their time, attention and money to make up for what's lacking, and they know you appreciate it.

But there's the ever-growing gap between our nation's ideals of public education and the reality of rundown schools and ill-paid teachers.

Over the years, adults have lost the political will to make public education, equal for all, a priority. We adults — parents or not — should ask ourselves what our priorities actually are. We should ask ourselves how much further we can let public schools slide before our country loses the right to be called "great."

It's not a new or radical idea that a high-quality system of public education is essential to a nation that is ruled by the people — not that educators and legislators have always agreed on the best way to do it.

And it wouldn't be a surprise at all if the message you've gotten during your years in school is that the adults who run the world are willing to spend little on you as students but much more should you end up in the military (at least in training and hardware, though not pay or benefits) or in prison.

You're probably feeling joy and relief right now at getting through high school. But during the last few years, many of you also have expressed outrage at the state of the schools.

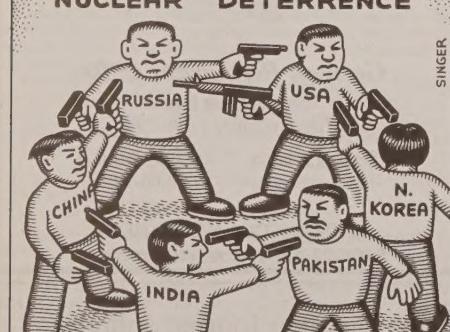
As you become adults yourselves, take the legitimate outrage you feel now and let it spur you to continued learning.

Learn how your schools, local, state and federal governments work. Demand that those representing you do the job right. Get involved. Know what's going on.

Want to make a difference in the world? Start with where you've just come from.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More to Memorial Day

It was gratifying to see the flags flying this Memorial Day and to see the media coverage being given to the many celebrations and to read the editorials written to honor this hallowed day.

While we observe this holiday honoring veterans who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms, all Americans need also to remember those who fought, or are still fighting, for those freedoms and our democratic way of life.

We need to ensure they aren't hassled by our government, as they have been in the past, for circumstances beyond their control; think Agent Orange and the Gulf War Syndromes. We need to ensure "promises made" are truly promises kept; think about the number of VA and regular military hospitals that have been closed without providing an adequate system to provide for the care promised when enlistment contracts or draft orders were signed.

We must support realistic salary levels for our enlisted military personnel so none of them qualify for food stamps, as some do now. We must insist our government spend less on military hardware and more on personnel so none of them have to live in sub-standard housing or worry about how promised medical and family services will be provided.

And last, but not least, we all need to remain vigilant and alert to ensure no agency of our government takes away the freedoms our service men and women have fought and died for; think Attorney General Ashcroft, Congress and the U.S. Patriot Act I and the proposed Patriot Act II.

Al Miller
El Cerrito

Miller is a retired Navy captain.

Keep counselors

I have had two students go through the West Contra Costa school district, one started in 1986 and the current one, who is at El Cerrito High, started in 1993.

I simply can't understand how anyone can compare class-size reduction to guidance counselors as a tried-and-true educational program.

Guidance counselors have been part of California's educational program for many years, while class-size reduction started just six years ago. Between the two programs, people are asking the district to expend nearly \$6 million of the \$12 million reserve.

I am afraid this effort to link the two programs imperils the possibility we might be able to save the counselors in our middle and high schools.

While I think the school board might be able to spend \$2.75 million to save our guidance counselors, I don't think realistically they can spend an additional \$3.1 million to save class-size reduction.

But most importantly, there is no comparison between the two programs in terms of importance to the educational needs of the students.

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Rebecca Bla

Desperate people

Since our country so magnificently liberated the struggling Iraqis, we please rescue another third world nation?

These downtrodden people are under a militaristic government that spends billions on invasions but for the poor, the elderly, even children, millions of its citizens have no teeth at all, and countless more live in lives on city streets.

The public schools are in the environment is being debated.

The leaders of this nation are election out from under the richer and routinely lie with impunity because there are more firearms than almost anywhere else in the world. The citizens are so frightened that they themselves are buy huge tanks for protection.

Won't anyone help the people of the United States?

Earthquake death

Recent media reports indicate number of persons died in the earthquake.

Photos accompanying such stories minded me that earthquakes do people, buildings do.

Is your building earthquake safe about your house? Earthquake won't keep you alive, but a strong grade might. I've chosen that grade.

George D

COMMENTARY

Wake up, Albany! Big box coming this fall

By Susan Moffat

A RADICAL CHANGE is in store for Albany. If the Planning Commission votes as expected next Tuesday, June 10, a national big-box retailer will plant its sprawling footprint inside our little town for the first time this fall. Target is planning to break ground on a two-story store, garden center and Denny's-style restaurant on the Eastshore Highway (on the east side of the freeway, just west of University Village). At 178,000 square feet, the project is nearly seven times bigger than the Solana Safeway.

Only one Albany resident has raised serious concerns about the Target. So the Planning Commission believes that there is nearly unanimous community support. But I think people just haven't heard about the fast-tracked project yet.

Does Albany really want to become Emeryville? Target could be just the start of a flood of big retailers in Albany.

Solano Avenue has already been affected by competition from the supermarkets at El Cerrito Plaza. Target will be another blow. But it's not only the direct competition to the garden, toy, clothing, sporting goods, bike, and pet stores on Solano and San Pablo that's an issue. Solano Avenue copy shops, video stores, and restaurants will be hurt as customer traffic is drawn from our town to its edge.

The store will generate well over 8,000 car trips a day. Cars exiting Target will have to do a U-turn on Buchanan in order to get to the freeway. Some cars will probably choose to cut through Albany Hill neighborhoods instead. And things will only get worse at the already nightmarish intersection of Gilman and Eastshore Highway.

Target's location may block pedestrian and bike access to the Eastshore State Park, Albany Beach and the proposed ferry. Great bike/pedestrian paths going east-west through University Village are in the

works, but Target may stand in the way of a pedestrian bridge that could link these paths to the shore.

The city could use additional sales tax revenues. But after you calculate the cost of major road improvements, increased police, fire and other services, and reduced city revenues from Solano Avenue as businesses lose sales to Target, the net benefits have not been made clear.

Many of us moved to Albany because we thought it was different, a special place, unlike the cookie-cutter sprawl that blankets much of the Bay Area. The citizens who came before us built a close-knit town with

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walkable neighborhoods with lively main street activity. Small, independently owned businesses are the backbone of our community. They bump into friends and neighbors, our children will be safe and our wrecks will be few.

Susan Moffat is a resident and parent. She can be reached at 510-623-5353 or smoffat@spindrift.com.

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611; e-mail to afields@ctimes.com or fax to 510-339-4066.

Children

■ The Kensington Library kicks off its Summer Reading Program with Dana Smith and his performing Dog Lucy at 7:30 p.m. June 10, at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Dana has been entertaining since 1974 and is a funny and talented juggler. Details: 510-524-3043.

■ Lawrence Hall of Science presents the exhibit "Lego Ocean Adventure," through Sept. 7. The underwater world comes to life through role play and on-site activities. Children learn how people eat, sleep, and work while living underwater as well as how scientists explore the ocean depths using unmanned rovers. Children can role play and construct their own Legos creations of underwater vessels and instruments. Hours: daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$8 adults; \$6 youth 5-18, seniors and disabled; \$4 for children 3-4; free under 3. Details: 510-642-5132.

■ Beginning Internet Workshops take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet—mouse skills, e-mail, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

■ Children's Social Skills and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. Details: Jude, 215-4371.

■ LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parents Group meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560.

■ The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

Community

■ Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action (BOCA) will hold a Community Action meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 8, at the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 1640 Adriano. The meeting will include community leaders, testimonies by people directly impacted by the cuts, group skits, and a performance by a combined, multi-congregational choir. For more information, call 510-843-2244.

■ Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All

donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.com.

■ Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Beate Coates at 235-0490.

■ Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resilience Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 510-848-0808.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. Details: 525-5231.

■ Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 1141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ "Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

■ Psychiatric Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychiatric Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

■ SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour weekly. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

■ Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ A.C.C.I. Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents "Midstream," photographs by four Bay Area Artists May 30 through June 21. The exhibition features artists Catherine Adams Stone, Alex Ambrose, Barbara Bobes, and Dafna Kory. Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun-

day. Closed. For more information, call 510-843-2527.

■ Celadon Fine Teas, 1111 Solano Ave., Albany, presents the exhibit "Verve and Spontaneity: The Art of Chit Fu Yu" through June 22. Hours: Wednesday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Innovative landscapes and powerful forms, painted in broad, bold brush strokes in the manner of Chinese calligraphy, a free interpretation of Eastern tradition meeting contemporary Western abstraction. A reception takes place at 7:30 p.m., May 28. Details: 510-524-1696.

■ A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., hosts the exhibition "Kinetics" through June 1. Artists include Susan Pascal Beran, Zachary Cohen Bella Feldman, Phil Evans, Jeffery Laudenberger, Moto Ontake, Mark Oldland, John Tyler, and Mark White. Gallery open Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 10-5 p.m. Details: 510-525-7621 or visit www.sculptureside.com.

■ UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism, Center for Photography, presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer Maya Goded, through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Fund Award, is a recent nominee to Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitution in order to "speak about women, inequality, transgression, the body and sex, maternity, childhood and old age, beliefs, love and unloving." A reception and public lecture takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 105. Details: 510-642-3383.

■ El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Jude at 215-4371.

Film/dance/stage

■ Walden School presents "Oliver's Urban Twist," with a touch of Hip Hop, at 2 p.m. June 7 and 8 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. The play set in the '70s, offers lots of dancing, singing and laughter. Cost \$12 available at the door. For more information, visit www.juliamorgan.org.

■ Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. Details: 525-1130.

■ Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

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BANJO-OLOGIST GORDIE OHLIGER

Gordie Ohliger will appear at the Lawrence Hall of Science on Wednesday, June 25 at 1 p.m. to take audiences on a musical journey of jazz, bluesgrass and vaudeville, all played on museum-quality antique instruments. The Lawrence Hall of Science is on Centennial Drive above

the UC Berkeley campus, just below Grizzly Peak Boulevard and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$8 adults, \$6 youth 5-18, seniors and disabled, \$4 for children 3-4 and free for children under 3. LHS Members and full-time UC Berkeley students. Parking is \$7 cents per hour.

Health

■ Charcot Marie Tooth support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neurotic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■ YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Lecture/workshop

■ The Berkeley Camera Club meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly trips. Details: Don, 510-525-3565 or www.berkeleycameroclub.org.

■ Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0227.

■ Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$6.5. To sign up call 268-4995.

■ The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370.

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Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the Web site at www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

■ "What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragito Dove is the facilitator. Details: 644-0861.

■ Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Literary Events

■ The California Writers Club Berkeley, presents the three winners of its 17th annual Fifth Grade Writing Contest at a luncheon from 11:30 to 2 p.m. June 7. Open to the public. For reservations and location, visit the web site at www.berkbar.org.

■ Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents poet Deborahay at 7:30 p.m. June 10. Day author, of "Mindful Messages," uses poetry to educate and debunk standard myths about sexuality, HIV/AIDS and other social issues. For more information, call 510-644-0861.

■ The El Cerrito Library hosts local author and therapist Rose Esther Fox at 7 p.m. June 10. Fox grew up in Brooklyn during the Depression; a child of Jewish Russian immigrants. The library is at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

■ Alameda County Library presents poet Priscilla Lee from 7 to 9 p.m. June 5, in the Edith Stone Room, at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. A Drop-in Poetry Writing Workshop, for all ages, takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. June 11, led by Alison Sevak. A drop-in poetry writing workshop for grades 4-8, also led by Alison Sevak, takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. June 14. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served.

■ Poets Wanda Sabin, Frances Hillard and Adam David Miller, read from their works from 7 to 9 p.m. May 30, at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalist, 1924 Cedar. The program also includes improvisational music by Gael Alcock and singers Alex and Harriet Bagwell. The event benefits the Fellowship's Social Justice Committee and legal defense of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Wheelchair accessible. Suggested donation \$5. No one turned away for lack of funds. Details: 510-516-4401.

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Hair patrol

ANTHONY FUSARO of Albany, in wheelchair, is surrounded by members of the Albany Police Department who attended the "Buzz the Fuzz" fund-raiser at Justin Hermann Plaza on May 16. The group raised more than \$5,000 for the California Law Enforcement's Wish Upon A Star organization and childhood cancer research. Each member of the group also had their heads shaved to show solidarity with children with cancer, like Anthony. In the back row, from left to right is officer Chris Willis, Sgt. Dave Betencourt, reserve officer Dan Bickham, Lt. Mike McQuiston, Officer Steve Foss, and officer Jose Lara. Kneeling is officer Whitney Smith.

Hancock

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She suggested San Pablo Avenue could host such transit villages and be made a "world class boulevard" from Oakland to Richmond.

"It's very hard to have clean air if you don't have options (other than) using a private automobile all the time."

As for education, she wants to increase the per-pupil spending in the state. She's also proposed legislation that would exempt students in second grade from having to take state-managed testing.

West County School Board member Glen Price said Hancock has taken a strong interest in the West Contra Costa school district. When working for the Clinton administration, she helped get the district funding for after-school programs and to develop community technology centers in the area.

Price said Hancock is exploring legislation that would decrease the interest rates on a loan the district took in 1991 after declaring bankruptcy. The district is paying back \$1.8 million a year on that loan, he said.

"She's made it clear that education is a real priority and in particular our school district is a priority for her and she's done so in action in addition to words," Price said. "She's put her rhetoric into action."

Hancock has had a long career prior to being elected assemblywoman.

She served as President Jimmy Carter's regional director for ACTION, overseeing a host of domestic volunteer programs.

From 1981 to 1987, she was executive director of the Shalan Foundation, where she directed the private foundation's efforts to achieve social justice and environmental balance. She was Berkeley mayor from 1986 to 1994; and a Berkeley City Council member from 1971 to 1979.

From 1994-2001, Hancock headed the Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Education. Working with schools, communities, and state and local governments, she helped launch many of President Clinton's education initiatives.

El Cerrito Mayor Mark Friedman said Hancock is an effective yet humble leader. They worked together for five years to pass a sustainable development plan for West Berkeley intended to protect blue-collar jobs while providing a buffer around industry to protect residents from pollution.

The plan was passed unanimously in 1992, Friedman said, by a City Council that seldom agreed.

"I feel like she's extremely dedicated, experienced and a smart woman and worked in so many different levels of government and the non-profit sector," Friedman said. "She's really an asset to the West County community."

Over the years Hancock has also worked closely with members of the El Cerrito Democratic Club.

"Not only is she very accessible,

but she's very passionate, very concerned and very knowledgeable about the community," said El Cerrito attorney Cathy Daly, who reached out to Hancock in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent funding cuts from the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Hancock is married to Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates, who represented the 14th Assembly District for 20 years.

"It's very exciting representing this district," she said, "but the overarching fact of life in Sacramento is the budget crisis, and that's what we're all working to try and solve."

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Roof

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will have to buy back the original tile at an inflated price, which he believes will create delays.

"I think it's a big shame, and I hope there's something we can do to get county to put the tiles back on and buy some to replace the ones already sold or broken," said neighbor Alfredo Botello.

The Veteran's Building was built in 1926 and an addition built in 1932. It's used for veteran group meetings and rented out for weddings, parties and other events.

Alameda County authorized a \$62,000, monthlong project intended to fix water leakage within the building. The project called for workers to tear out the clay tiles, waterproof the roof and replace it with asphalt shingle tiles.

City officials said they didn't know about the project until it started, and that by law, they didn't have to be notified.

Aisha Brown, a legislative aide for Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, said there was a miscommunication and the county is trying to correct it.

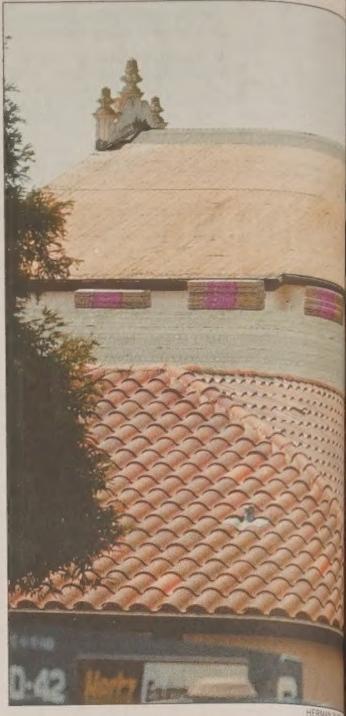
"We probably didn't look deep enough at the aesthetics of the neighborhood," said John Kitching, deputy director of the building maintenance department of Alameda County's General Services Agency. "That's an error we made that we're trying to rectify now."

In response to complaints, county officials say they intend to rebuild the Spanish-style roof, after the current project is completed at the end of June. Replacing it will probably be a two- to four-month process, Kitching said.

The original tiles are already in the hands of a business owner who intends to sell them for three times their original cost, Magnuson said.

He estimated that installing new tiles would cost \$29,000 — versus \$90,000 to buy back the original tiles and to replace the broken ones.

"The county lost \$60,000 here in value," said Magnuson, adding that the increased costs could give the county an excuse to drag its



Tiles have already been removed from the Veteran's Building stacks of shingles in place for installment.

feet on the replacement. "They never consulted with us to start with (or gave) us an opportunity to participate in the decision and now there's a small group of citizens being rushed to figure it out."

Kitching said the county hasn't analyzed the costs yet.

Magnuson said the county has recommended using new tiles because they're cheaper and could be better waterproofed.

But residents felt that using the original tile was the only way to retain the building's historical integrity. Magnuson said all the neighbors to whom he talked felt the same way.

"The tiles represented the essence of (the building's) histor-

ical significance, its history and its beauty," he said.

The county has decided to go back to the original tile. The county has not yet finalized its decision, said Kitching.

Albany Mayor Jim Aguirre agreed that the tiles fit in with the city's character.

"I feel positive things are going to happen," Okawa said. "It's terrible they're doing this composition, but what they're doing is what they're doing."

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Garage

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garage would alleviate parking and traffic problems on the south side of the plaza created by Trader Joe's. BART commuters would use the garage in the morning, and start leaving by the time shoppers wanted to use it in the afternoon and early evening, the plaza's peak business hours.

The proposed garage was one of numerous projects throughout the county promised to voters by the Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCTA) when they passed Measure C in 1988. The CCTA ear-

marked \$6.7 million for the project, which will pay for the garage. Forest Plaza Partners LLC will fund the rest of the project.

After the project is built, the city will have an easement for the 400 BART parking spaces.

Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore pointed out that the meeting was intended to create a list of concerns before an environmental report and a traffic study are completed. "This meeting isn't for coming up with a solution," said Moore. "Hopefully we can come up with a list of issues that must be resolved and questions to be answered before it comes back to you (the commission)."

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Chamber of Commerce manager Sewall Glimerrick pointed out that only a handful of residents came out for the meeting. He wanted the city to get more public input before moving forward.

"If you think there's no feeling among the public for the project,

you're wrong," he said.

The commission will consider the proposal.

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Section B

Giving the seller a lifeline

option to rent back just before the sale

NEWS FEATURES

and world, you would

want to move to your next

home as soon as possible.

Sellers often need to

rent home before

they can buy another

available home might

be immediately available.

Selling a new home

can have construction delays

and other issues from one

move to the next impossible.

It's common for sellers to

offer to rent back just

before the sale

for 30 days before

they move out.

This way, you'll be able to plan

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option to rent back just there is a provision in the contract for the sellers to inform you of the date they'll vacate, ideally 30 days before they move out.

This way, you'll be able to plan your move. Also, the sooner you give notice to your landlord or to the buyer of your home, the less rent you'll pay.

The cost of renting back is negotiable. However, it's common for sellers to pay an amount equal to the buyer's cost of owning the property - that is, the buyer's principal, interest, property taxes and insurance (PITI) prorated on a per diem basis.

Some buyers who are in competition offer the sellers a free rent-back for a certain period, thereby making their offer more attractive.

Often the amount of rent sellers pay to rent back is more than the amount they paid to own the property. This is particularly so if the property sells for significantly more than the sellers paid for it and if the buyers obtain a large-sized mortgage. The cost is

worth it to many sellers because they avoid having to make a double-move, which is costly and inconvenient.

Sometimes sellers who rent back don't know by the closing date when they'll be vacating. One option in this case is for the sellers to pay rent directly to the buyers. Another option is to deposit enough rent money to cover

the maximum period the seller will

stay in a trust or escrow account.

Any unused rent money can be returned to the sellers when they move out.

The buyers and sellers should

sign an occupancy agreement that sets forth the terms of the rent back. This is not a standard lease agreement, but an occupancy agreement that is specific to a situation where the seller stays in possession of the home he's selling after closing.

The agreement should stipulate such things as who pays for utilities and repairs. Sellers who stay in possession after closing will need to carry insurance to protect their possessions, which won't be covered under the new buyer's homeowner's insurance policy.

THE CLOSING: Some lenders object to rent backs that last for longer than 30 days following closing. Before agreeing to a rent back, check with your lender or mortgage broker to make sure that you won't be putting your mortgage in jeopardy.

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■ Freddie Mac's chief economist sees a bright economic future

BY FRANK NOTHAFT & AMY CREWS CUTTS

FREDDIE MAC

An old song from the 1980s by The Cars seems to be apropos to the current economy. The war was short and successful in toppling the regime of Saddam Hussein. The economy is "positioned to expand" according to Chair-



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House Hunting

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man Greenspan, and consumer confidence is up nearly 20 points since in April, the largest one-month gain in confidence in 12 years. Surely, we are on the way to better times, right?

"...Let them knock you around."

Interest rates remain near the 40-year low set in March of this year and there is little pressure for them to rise near-term. Thirty-year fixed rate mortgage interest rates reported in Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey have

Real Estate Spotlight: Traditional Rockridge home has modern elements



WITHIN WEEKS OF THE 1991 FIRESTORM, the owners of 5416 Golden Gate Avenue, Oakland, called the builder who had remodeled the kitchen that lay in ashes. Swan Building of Berkeley, architect Andrea Walhof and interior designer Cheryl Crane set out to replicate the original house, but they instead created a house similar in layout and sensibility to the traditional Rockridge style but modern in its use of wood, light and space. Archways, maple floors with inlaid walnut strips, walnut mantle and staircase, and custom-stained Douglas fir interior doors and cabinets have been used, contributing to an atmosphere with plenty of natural light. Skylights and window mullions feature prominently in the design. Extensive windows and French doors to the patio make the kitchen seem to extend into the garden. Although the rooms vary little from those in the original house, the high ceilings make them appear much larger. A special place is the loft in the upstairs study. Notable features include a fireplace made of Mexican stone, brass hardware, Italian-style terrazzo tiles on kitchen floor, and coffee bar in master bedroom with refrigerator and sink. The owners bought the lot next door and installed a basketball court and croquet lawn. There are also a waterfall and fishpond, vintage roses and decorative and fruit-bearing trees. In both the light-filled interiors and the vividly landscaped yard, sunshine and the promise of renewal predominate. Price: \$1,399,000. Open Sunday, June 8 from 1 - 5 p.m.

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stayed below 6 percent for 19 consecutive weeks and averaged just 5.8 percent in the first quarter.

This low-rate environment has sustained the refi boom that kicked off in July 2002 when the monthly mortgage refi share jumped above 50 percent and stayed there. The refinance share of mortgage applications set a record high 79 percent in March.

Low interest rates have also sustained a strong housing market; the National Association of Realtors reported the strongest

first-quarter sales ever of existing homes, even with the bad weather in January and February.

The expected low interest rates throughout the rest of the year, coupled with stronger economic growth in the third and fourth quarters should lead to record home sales in 2003.

What to look forward to

■ The low interest rate environment is helping to sustain a vibrant housing market; Freddie Mac continues to anticipate

a stronger year in 2003 for housing starts than in 2002 at 1.73 million units with all the growth coming from single-family homes; multifamily construction is expected to slow 5 percent due to rising vacancy rates.

■ Home sales should mirror

housing starts, with 2003 sales 3 percent stronger than the record volume seen in 2002. Sales of new and existing homes should total around 6.7 million units for

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Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the San Francisco Bay Area announced that Jerilynn Babington, a real estate professional in the Lamorinda area, has been honored among Coldwell Banker's Top 1 percent, outpacing some 4,000 agents from Monterey to Tahoe.

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Babington earned her bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley. She has three daughters and resides in Piedmont with her husband.

Contact Babington at 925-253-4601 or via e-mail at foc1@email.msn.com.

Home prices soar nationwide

BY ANDREA COOMES

CBS MARKETWATCH

Median home prices continued their upward push in most metro areas in the first quarter, but the overall gain is expected to be lower this year than last, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Thirty-one of 117 markets saw double-digit increases in the first quarter compared to the year-ago period. Those markets are the highest fliers, but fully 72 metro areas saw above-average price increases, gaining at a rate of at least 2 points above inflation.

The national median existing-home price rose 7 percent to \$161,500 in the first quarter, compared to \$151,000 in the first quarter a year ago. But the first quarter's rise is a drop from the fourth quarter of 2002, when prices rose 8.4 percent.

The median home price for the year is expected to rise 5.1 percent, a slight fall-off from last year's jump of 7.1 percent, according to NAR. Still, this year's gain is still far above normal, which is generally considered to be one or two percentage points above inflation.

"When you consider the fact that (inflation) is probably going to come in at 2.6 percent, a 5.1 percent rise in home prices is above historic norms," said Walter Molony, a spokesman with NAR. The more-moderate growth rate is good news for the housing market overall, he said. "We've had an overheated market with far more buyers than sellers. That's resulted in a bidding up of prices," Molony said.

"Anything that improves the equilibrium between buyers and sellers is healthier in the long run. You don't like to see double-digit prices continuing for a long period of time. In effect, you're borrowing from future appreciation because you start to affect housing affordability," he said. When buyers can't afford homes, sellers can't sell, and prices can drop.

"But that's not in the cards," Molony was quick to point out. Interest rates play a major role in affordability, and the NAR projects rates to remain low, at 6.3 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage

In the West, the median existing-home price rose 8 percent this quarter compared to last year to \$217,200. The Sacramento area trounced the rest of the region, with a 25.3 percent rise to \$230,000.

in the fourth quarter, rising to 6.6 percent in 2004.

"That's still very good. We don't see anything really negatively affecting housing affordability going forward," he said.

Price gains were greatest in the Philadelphia metro area, where median home prices in the first quarter jumped 25.7 percent to \$153,400, and Providence, R.I., which also rose 25.7 percent to \$213,200.

Next highest was the gain in Florida's Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay area, where prices rose 25.4 percent to \$124,900.

The Northeast region saw the strongest gain, with the cost of the median-priced home rising to \$178,500, a 16.7 percent jump from the year-ago quarter.

Trenton, N.J., where the median home was up 24 percent to \$191,700, and Monmouth-Ocean, N.J., up 23.4 percent to \$270,400 were the biggest gainers after Philadelphia and Providence.

Next was the New Haven-Meriden, Conn., area with a median price of \$211,400, up 21.8 percent, and Bergen-Passaic, N.J., at \$358,300, up 21.1 percent.

Five other Northeastern metro areas also saw double-digit jumps, including Atlantic City, N.J., Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y., Portland, Maine, the New York City area, and Hartford, Conn.

In the West, the median existing-home price rose 8 percent

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THE LEIMERT BRIDGE SPANS SAUSAL CREEK. In 1926, the bridge opened the area across the creek for development, the creation of Walter Leimert's Oakmore Highlands. Most of the area toward the hills remains undeveloped in this photo.

Oakmore Highlands: An Oakland jewel

Oakland's Oakmore Highlands district is one of the most picturesque and prized in the city. Although various streets are commonly referred to as being in "Oakmore," this neighborhood has specific boundaries and a distinctive history.

Oakmore history

In the 1920s, on the heels of its successful Lakeshore Highlands development, the Walter H. Leimert Company created Oakmore Highlands. Comparing its location to "Fifth Avenue in New York; State Street, Chicago; Market Street, San Francisco," and others, the company, lead at the time by Walter's son Harry, stressed the "high-class, conveniently accessible, popularly priced homesites." Prices in this "new residential park" began at \$2,000.

In 1926, to make the area reachable, Leimert had the "\$150,000 concrete and steel" Sausal Creek Arch Bridge built as

an "extension of the Park Boulevard [street]car line." Today, we know it as the Leimert Bridge.

Work on the bridge was supervised by George Posey, an Alameda County Supervisor and the engineer of the Posey Tube to Alameda. Acceptable then, today it would be considered a conflict of interest for a local government official to be awarded a large, private project such as this.

As an additional benefit, "a community business center" — in the 1400 block of Leimert Boulevard — was part of the Leimert Company plan. In the early days, two markets stood next to each other: the Food Mart and the Imperial. With the advent of supermarkets, only one survived. A 1937 photo shows "Baker's Drugs" and a dry cleaner in the shopping area.

The opening sale advertisement, dated October 17, 1926, called Oakmore Highlands the company's "crowning achievement." A bird's-eye map points to

the 1,000 acres and "75 million in value" of previous Leimert projects in Piedmont and Lakeshore Highlands. Further, the ad states how all Lakeshore lots had been sold and their values had "increased over our original prices from 100 to 300 percent."

The promotional piece astutely trumpeted, "Oakland is just starting to grow."

Oakmore Highlands was developed in sections and, according to a 1935 Oakland Tribune story, new areas were offered only after "adjoining sections had become well-established."

Thus, buyers were protected and did not have to "gambol with the future."

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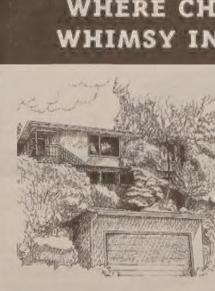
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Through the eyes of an expert: Getting it done the right way

Number 429 in a series of true experiences in real estate

This is perhaps an advertisement. If not that, it is certainly a celebration of competence, an enthusiasm for a job well done by a young man named Clemente who recently regrooted a shower stall in my house. I just can't tell you how pleased I am — the shower looks fabulous.

The bathroom and the shower are original to the house, so they're about 50 years old. Some of the ceramic tiles in the shower are cracked across their faces, and all of the grout had become dingy, blackened in places, pitted in others.

When my husband and I bought my house a dozen years ago, the floor outside this shower was soft with rot. We suspected that the shower pan was leaking, but we did not have the time and money to replace it then so we tried a stopgap measure.

First making sure the shower was clean and completely dry, my husband caulked the corners and bottom edges, then applied several coats of clear waterproofing liquid to all of the surfaces. After that, no water leaked onto the floor outside the shower. We replaced the subfloor and had new vinyl laid on top. It has lasted very well.

We intended to redo the whole bathroom, tear out the tile in the shower and elsewhere in the room and replace it with something else. But we never did.

It's the main bathroom. No one wanted to do without that shower, and replacing the tile would be expensive and time consuming. And — you know how it is — decisions of color and material and workers would have to be made, a large endeavor.

Plus, I was surprised to find that over the years, I had grown fond of the overall 1950s look of the room with its creamy colored tile. I didn't want to change the room but I did want it to look less shoddy.

I had the old shower glass door replaced because it was ugly and was not safety glass. I found a company that does such things and, a few years ago they came to put in a clear glass door fitted in an aluminum frame. It looks nice but inevitably, soap scum clouds it. And, through constant use, the shower tile gets dirty with mildew appearing, especially on the caulk.

A couple of years ago, I did ask a grout restorer to come look at my tile and tell me if it could be renewed. I don't remember who I called, but I do know what the man said: No.

After that, I stepped up my efforts to clean the caulk, grout and tile and to get rid of the mildew. I tried various things before finding that straight bleach makes everything very white. The fumes cause near asphyxiation, but I used it anyway, and it worked.

The glass door was another story. Once water drop marks appeared on it, they stayed along with streaks of soap and shampoo. Nothing I've tried has removed them.

Ah, but then Clemente entered my life through one of our recent listings. It's a big house with an oversized tiled shower stall (almost like a small room) which the owner wanted to spruce up. From the phone book, he chose the Grout Doctor in Oakland and Charles, the owner of the company arrived, made a bid, and was hired.

Clemente was the young man sent to do the regrouting. Clemente, it was soon apparent, is quite the perfectionist. He honed in on every one of the many grout lines spending a whole day cleaning them out individually. Then he spread new grout and applied a sealer over all.

I had been waiting to see how well the regrouting was done at our client's house, and I ran over

I'm here to shout praises of Clemente. He's good, and he told me that he's always been particular about his work.

to see. That shower looked brand new. Which is how I came to call the Grout Doctor and request that Clemente come immediately to my house.

I am so glad that I did. Clemente was at my house for 8 hours working on my shower. In addition to reworking the grout between the tiles, he removed and replaced all of the caulk around the inside corners and on the outside lip of the shower.

He also gave me new information. Clemente says that silicon caulk, which my husband had used, is the wrong material. For one thing, it is very difficult to remove. We should have used latex caulk that is siliconized, but is not

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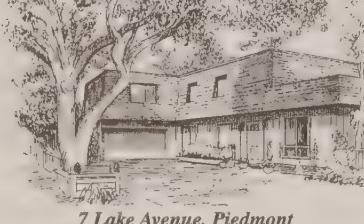
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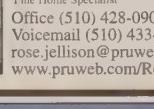
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- Attached garage with interior access

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Open Sunday 1 - 4

Charming Claremont Home. This lovely traditional home was once the property of Anne Rice, author of "Interview With A Vampire". 5 bdrms, 3 full baths, approx 2695 sf. Lge sunny rooms with french doors leading to garden. Lv rm with fp, formal dr, eat-in kit, butler's pantry. Bonus room in basement. Side yard has lge. spa. Close to shopping, tennis club, transp., Claremont Hotel.

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Home Sales Roll

According to the National Association of Realtors sales of existing single-family homes rose and are at the fifth highest level of activity ever recorded. NAR's chief economist said that consumer confidence rose and mortgage interest rates have been at record lows. Mortgage rates will continue to stimulate home sales and related industries in addition to refinance activity, which will help to boost the economy in the second half of the year.

Inform Meeting in Alameda

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 10. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The topic is "Mold Issues." Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact Remy Boyd at AAR at 510-523-7229.

Mccormack's Guides

The 2002 McCormack's Guides are available. These relate-

cation/newcomer guidebooks are more than a directory. The books are loaded with information such as academic rankings for local public schools. SAT scores for local high schools, city profiles and directories of hospitals and private schools. Want to know where to go and what to do? It's in the Guide. Buy 10 or more for a savings of over 50 percent. For costs and order information call 1-800-222-3602.

Handy Classes

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact Sydney at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgdeuct.org.

Families

The City of Oakland presents a Multi-lingual Homeownership Fair. The Fair is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 14, in front of Oakland City Hall. Meet with lenders, Realtors, non-profit organizations and local government housing agencies. Valuable home buying information will be provided in Chinese, English Spanish and Vietnamese. The fair features live music, children's activities,

food ad raffle prizes. Workshop information is offered at 510-637-0240.

Homes for the homeless

Melissa Harris of Common Interest Realty presents "Turning The Homeless Into Homeowners," an informational real estate clinic. The clinic will counsel low income and homeless individuals and families on how to become homeowners. The clinic will be held tomorrow and seating is limited and reservations are a must. For registration information call 510-780-8542.

Smart Solutions

If you are ready for smart financial solutions to home buying, "The Home Buying Solutions Seminar" is the right choice. The class is Saturday, June 14 at the San Leandro Main Library. For information on the next class, call Presenter Margie Lupo of Vintage Mortgage at 888-629-0077 ext. 8610.

Lake Walk-Away

The Fund-raising Task Force of the Oakland Association of Realtors hosts a community walk around the lake. Planned for Saturday, June 28 at Oakland's Lake Merritt, the Walk-Around supports the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. Funds raised will contribute to the college education of 80 inner-city grammar and high school chil-

dren. Committee Chairperson Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty expects to exceed last year's contribution of \$30,000. Advanced registration is encouraged. Call Judith Boren of OAR at 510-836-3003.

House Beautiful

Every house can be beautiful. BerkeleyHome Real Estate wants to help you make yours even more beautiful. On alternate Saturdays through August, a speaker series is offered. Home design professionals will discuss their work and answer questions. Angelisse Karol is the presenter Saturday, June 14. Karol discusses transforming your home with color. To RSVP, call Catherine Stern of BerkeleyHome Real Estate at 510-524-5406.

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The Prudential California Realty Education Foundation announced the winners of its 2003 grants. The foundation awards the dedication of public school teachers. A total of 65 public

school teachers from the Bay Area received grants. Among the 65 winners, 10 are from Oakland and Berkeley. The money come from the personal donations of Prudential agents and owners.

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Cendant Mobility Broker Services announced that Coldwell Banker in Northern California, the region's largest real estate firm was inducted into the network's 2003 Platinum Club. Coldwell Banker has 64 office locations throughout Northern California. For more information visit www.californiamoves.com.

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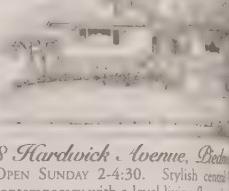


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should do to prepare
for the market
what ever buys it will
be buying anyway. I worry
about old fixtures,
cabinets, small
etc. What do we decide what
to sell when we sell, but
not turn off potential
buyer. What to do?

— No name given
and you and your husband
are correct. General remodeling
decorating will not nec-
essarily increase in property
value. On the other hand, small
improvements can improve both
value and appearance.
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its unique features, could not
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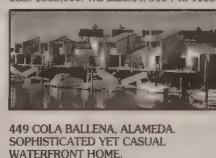
1639 - 63RD ST., BERKELEY.
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| BERKELEY FOUR UNIT Conventional location w/ 4 units VACANT. 1/2 acre lot. 2 buildings w/ 2 units each. Approx. size: 1,000 sq. ft. each. Utilities by PG&E. Some recent work done. Good size lot w/ off street parking! Call today on "Moggie's Choice!" | BERKELEY 6-UNIT IN 2 BUILDINGS Nice unit mix. Good sized lot. Some separate utility meters. Nearest to Ashby BART & Berkeley's Historic Lorin District. Some recent work done. Good size lot w/ off street parking! Call today on "Moggie's Choice!" | BERKELEY 6-UNIT IN 2 BUILDINGS Nice unit mix. Good sized lot. Some separate utility meters. Nearest to Ashby BART & Berkeley's Historic Lorin District. Some recent work done. Good size lot w/ off street parking! Call today on "Moggie's Choice!" | VICTORIAN 4-PLEX RESIDENTIAL INCOME PROPERTY IN BERKELEY Extensively remodeled in 2001. Newer roof, fence, paint & appliances. Big yard. Off street parking. Separate gas & electric meters. 1 1/2 BA VACANT. 1 1/2 BA will be vacant (30). Call III. | VICTORIAN 4-PLEX RESIDENTIAL INCOME PROPERTY IN BERKELEY Extensively remodeled in 2001. Newer roof, fence, paint & appliances. Big yard. Off street parking. Separate gas & electric meters. 1 1/2 BA VACANT. 1 1/2 BA will be vacant (30). Call III. |

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LAKE MERRITT \$629,000
20 Lakeside Dr. #802. This top floor two bedroom, two bath condo in The Regulus has panoramic views from every room. The Beaux-Arts architectural detailing and massive fireplace complement the interiors. The kitchen is newly renovated with granite counters, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appliances and halogen lighting. Shown by appointment. TOM ERWIN



BAJA GLENVIEW \$319,000
1801 E. 11th St. Enchanting, recently updated 2 bedroom plus room. Bright & sunny cottage featuring granite counters, hrdwd floors, formal dining & a large sunroom. Serene gardens - a true gem! SARAH SCHISLER



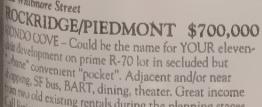
THOUSAND OAKS/BERKELEY \$565,000
1767 San Lorenzo Ave. WOW! Walk to New Thousand Oaks School, Fonda's, Pegasus Books, Renee's Place, The Pub, even dart to BART, more, more & still more. NICK LAVROV



MONTCLAIR \$579,000
7220 Sayre Dr. LOOK AT THIS! Contemporary home, 1800 sf, built in 1985. Very private location. Beautiful park-like setting with walking paths to the house. Best priced home in Montclair! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open beams, hot tub, decks. Possible help with down payment. MEL COPLAND



MONTCLAIR \$950,000
6549 Shepherd Canyon. New construction on a level lot. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Very large living room with high ceilings. Beautiful cherrywood cabinets in kitchen with granite countertops and hrdwd floors. Enjoy attached family room & fireplace, plus walk right out into your fenced yard & lawn. BERNARD MAGARA



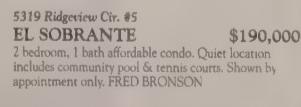
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1130 Otis Dr - \$497,000
137 Parfait Ln - \$479,000
632 Pond Isl - \$850,000
1712 San Jose Av - \$620,000
1255 Sherman St - \$910,000
955 Shorepoint Ct - \$280,000
1033 Verdemar Dr - \$355,000
1514 Willow St - \$500,000

ALBANY

728 Cornell Av - \$388,000
806 Curtis St - \$545,000
555 Pierce 1230 - \$307,500
535 Pierce 3105 - \$326,000
649 San Gabriel Av - \$415,000
791 Taft B - \$417,000

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2418 7th St - \$330,000
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2714 Benvenue - \$662,000
2051 Bernyman 4 - \$498,000
2420 Bonar St - \$371,000
1229 Cedar St - \$285,000
1237 Cedar St - \$370,000
1595 Euclid Av - \$441,000
2642 Fulton St - \$457,500
1919 Hopkins St - \$655,000
1603 Portland Av - \$567,000
2725 Prince St #6 - \$375,000
2725 Prince St #9 - \$318,000
2806 Prince St - \$885,000
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1654 San Pablo A - \$199,000
2615 Telegraph 403 - \$405,000
2656 Virginia St - \$638,000
1428 Ward St - \$345,000

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709 Albermarle St - \$520,000
5709 Alta Punta Av - \$385,000
2310 Edith St - \$580,000
412 Seaview Dr - \$641,500
2240 Tamalpais Av - \$575,000

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5227 Masonic Av - \$885,000
2562 Maxwell Av - \$275,000
199 Montecito Av - \$175,000
3148 Monticello Av - \$399,000
6827 Moore Dr - \$452,000
4021 Norton Av - \$523,500
6655 Oakwood Dr - \$705,000
6676 Pine Needle - \$440,000
3052 Pleitner Av - \$225,000
5955 Rincon Dr - \$665,000
5422 Robert Av - \$391,000
5969 Shattuck Av - \$299,000
4847 Sheland Av - \$490,000
7675 Skyline Bl - \$1,160,000
7967 Skyline Dr - \$1,100,000
7612 Sterling Dr - \$359,000
6640 Sunnyside Av - \$250,000
1638 Sunshine Ct - \$270,000
229 Tunis Rd - \$210,000

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10 Abbott Wy - \$1,000,000
1820 Trestle Glen - \$1,130,500
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862 10th St - \$247,000
416 21st St - \$345,000
720 40th St - \$157,500
550 43rd St - \$380,000
217 7th St - \$300,000
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507 Duboce Av - \$100,500
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reserve accounts. They are not required by law in Wisconsin, but instead the owner-residents decide by vote.

Conventional knowledge and my own instincts said that such accounts are the way to go. But when I actually calculated the cost, it seems that the specified reserve account has extra tax expense, and a personal savings account would do the same job at less cost. There are two taxing problems:

First, the funds earn taxable interest. For the specialized reserve account the IRS taxes the association-held reserve account at the basic 30 percent corporation rate. But in a personal savings account, the tax rate (in the year 2002) would have been lower than 30 percent for a married couple with a taxable income less than \$340,000 per year. That is most of us.

Second, the existence of a specified reserve account would keep the market value up. That is, the market value of a condo with a specified reserve account would be equal to the sum of the market value of the same unit without that account plus the amount of money in the account. That is from an informal survey of three experts, a CPA, an appraiser and a Realtor. That sounds good until you realize that by law, the tax assessment value should be the same as the market value so if that money is in a Specified Reserve Account, the owner-resident is actually paying real estate taxes on his savings.

The difference is not trivial. The example in the attachment shows that the cost to build up a \$10,000, 20-year savings account would be \$8,962.79 in a specified reserve account, but only \$6,542.66 in a personal savings account.

— Don Niles, Oconomowoc, Wis.

A condominium reserve account is established to provide a basis for accumulating funds to pay for maintenance of and replacement of long-term improvements that have worn out. This would include common roof, recreational facilities, parking surfaces, etc.

At any point in time, if the reserve account has been properly funded, the cash balance should be sufficient to replace worn-out building components when needed. Another way of looking at reserve account balances is they should be equal to the depreciation or "wearing out" of parts that will require future replacement.

Knowledgeable buyers and appraisers of previously owned condo units should always check reserve account balances. If the existing balances are inadequate to provide for, say, roof replacement, a substantial future assessment may be expected when replacement becomes necessary. This future liability affects the sal-

ability and value of the condominium.

Personal savings account are not the means to accumulate funds for replacement of common property. Reserve accounts, as well as any other funds, to be used for the benefit of the condominium community need to be available and under the control of the board of directors. Individual savings accounts are controlled by individuals who may not wish to make the money available when needed. Further, they could have just lost the money at a local casino.

Q. My parents have sold their home and committed to purchasing a condo along with my sister. Both parties will invest equal amounts, and my parents will be responsible for all future expenses (i.e. property taxes, utilities, maintenance fees) since they will be residing in the condo. My sister feels that, when it comes time to sell the property, they are entitled to only their initial investment — no return on their capital. My parents just want to be "fair." I am urging them to retain an attorney to protect their interests and would appreciate an impartial opinion that will, perhaps, persuade them that this is necessary.

A. In essence, your parents and sister have formed a partnership in ownership of a condominium. The parents will occupy the condo and pay all expenses and assessments. In turn they receive full use of the condo with no rent being charged.

Assuming fairness means recognizing your parents and sister's contribution and treating them equally; the arrangement should be accounted as a partnership. That means establishing capital accounts for each equal to their initial contributions. Your sister's capital account would not change because she will be contributing no additional money and receive no additional benefit.

Your parent's capital account will increase based on payments for taxes, assessments and maintenance. It is important, however,

If you lack experience in property rental you may wish to use the services of a rental agent located near the home. This will help with finding tenants, showing the space, obtaining damage deposits, inspecting for damage when a tenant leaves, having a properly executed lease and collecting rents. All of which can be significant problems if you live some distance from the home.

to recognize that your parents will receive the benefit of living in the condo without paying rent. A fair market rent should be charged to the capital account, reducing its balance.

This process will result in unequal capital accounts recognizing unequal benefits to each party; including the fact that your sister is earning nothing on her investment. Any profits from resale should be paid to each party in proportion to their capital account balance at the time of resale.

My suggestion is just a rough outline. Work out the details of such a plan with your family accountant.

Q. My sister and I will inherit a lake home in northern Wisconsin when our father passes away, and we are considering renting the house out during the summer. I have several questions regarding the process we would need to go through in order to rent out the house.

Would it be beneficial to set up a business to rent out the house? Would we be able to structure the rental agreement so that we can use the house when it is not being rented, approximately 40 percent of the year? What are some of the other concerns that we should take into consideration when making this decision?

— Susan Oertel, Racine, Wis.

A. You don't need to establish a business to rent out a home. If you lack experience in property rental you may wish to use the services of a rental agent lo-

cated near the lake home. This will help with finding tenants, showing the space, obtaining damage deposits, inspecting for damage when a tenant leaves, having a properly executed lease and collecting rents. All of which can be significant problems if you live some distance from the lake home.

When the home is not rented it is your right to use it or leave it vacant as you wish.

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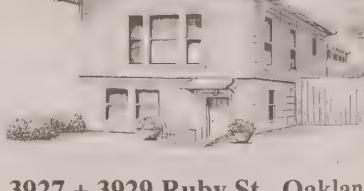
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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$525,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$587,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 98
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
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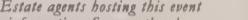
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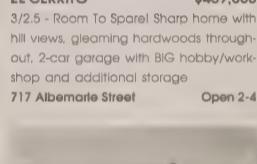
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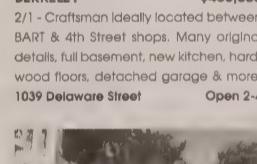


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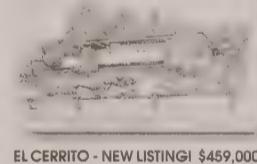


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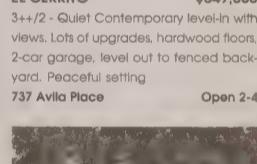
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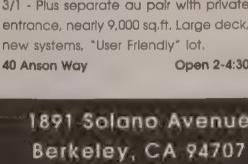
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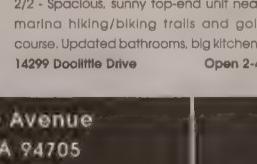


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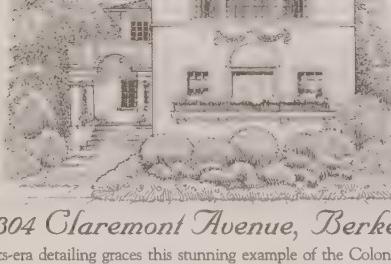
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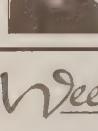
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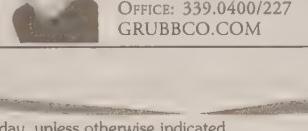
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Harbor Bay Realty Denise Garvine

\$425,000 2625 Eagle Ave 2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4816
Harbor Bay Realty Sld Boring

\$429,000 1025 Doris Ct 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4880
Harbor Bay Realty Maureen Shandobil

\$433,000 3162 Phoenix Lane 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-522-7173
Harbor Bay Realty George Williams

\$439,500 1109 College 2BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Bill Bissett

\$444,000 152 Centre Court 2BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 Harbor Bay Isle 510-521-1177
Windermere Properties, East Bay Peter Fletcher

\$445,000 102 Ironwood Road 2BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay 510-523-5544
Kane & Associates Lois Chase

\$445,000 2517 Clay St 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-748-1110
Gallagher & Lindsey Ron Bang

\$449,000 212 Centre Court 2BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 Harbor Bay Isle 510-521-1177
Windermere Properties, East Bay Peter Fletcher

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\$449,000 367 Centre Court 2BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 Harbor Bay Isle 510-521-1177
Windermere Properties, East Bay Peter Fletcher

\$449,500 431 Lincoln Ave 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-748-1148
Gallagher & Lindsey Pacifica Dimacal

\$450,000 3026 Marina Dr 2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4800
Harbor Bay Realty Barbara Disalvo

\$469,000 2986 Johnson Ave 2BD/1BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-522-4449
Gallagher & Lindsey Keiko McDonald

\$469,000 3236 Adams St 3BD/1BA
Open Sat 2-4 925-736-7651
Kane & Associates Kathleen Ng

\$469,500 3420 Redhook Ln 3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4841
Harbor Bay Realty Tom Young

\$474,500 1167 Camino Del Valle 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1111
Gallagher & Lindsey The McIntyre's

\$479,000 975 Versailles Ave 2BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4847/514-4819
Harbor Bay Realty Chuck/Nancy Blanchi

\$492,500 2515 Otis Drive 2+BD/2BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 5 10-814-4884/814-4814
Harbor Bay Realty Isabella Lipetski/Connie Hanna

\$529,000 56 Bannister Way 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4895
Harbor Bay Realty Mary Ann Foss

\$539,000 1378 Hansen Ave 2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4825
Harbor Bay Realty Shirley McWilliam

\$549,000 3300 Fernside 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 Main Island 510-523-6732
Kane & Associates John McWilliam

\$557,500 1820 Bay St 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1166
Gallagher & Lindsey The Basora's

\$579,000 302 Laguna Vista 4BD/2.5BA
Open Sat 2-4:30 510-521-1647/522-5827
The Homes-Link Team Quinn Stone/Dianna Wyman

\$583,000 572 Kings Rd 3+BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 510-814-4714
Barbara Bolton

\$587,000 6 DeCelle Court 3+BD/2.5
Sun. 2-4pm 415-810-1771
Pacific Union Real Estate Ivan Leung

\$605,000 1329 Crown Dr 3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4839
Harbor Bay Realty Bill Douglas

\$619,000 2009 Sandcreek 3BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 510-521-1177
Windermere Properties, East Bay Peter Fletcher

\$649,000 132 McDonnell RD 3BD/2.5BA
Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4848/814-4892
Harbor Bay Realty Ringo Liu/Eunice Edwards

Alameda

\$649,500 1529 Versailles Ave 3BD/2.5A
Sun 1:30-4:30 Prudential CA Realty Victoria Phillip

\$651,000 1616 Fernside Blvd #B 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-523-6058
Kane & Associates Joanna Letizia

\$659,000 1830 Pacific Ave 3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-428-0900
Prudential Piedmont Cynthia Zheng

\$689,000 25 Courageous Court 2+BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 Marina Village 510-531-2274
Kane & Associates Wendy Sandoval

\$699,000 1315 Santa Clara Ave 4BD/3.5A
Open Sun 2-4 510-748-1133
Gallagher & Lindsey Stephanie Neher

\$699,000 1372 Versailles 4BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-865-1635
Kane & Associates Lois Hoffmann

\$719,000 221 Gahway Bay 3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4824
Harbor Bay Realty Darin Vinal

\$720,000 1542 Pearl St 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-748-1132
Gallagher & Lindsey Dennis Keefe

\$769,000 1143 Bay St 2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-523-6058
Kane & Associates Hanna Fry

\$787,500 1624 San Antonio Avenue 3BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4887
Harbor Bay Realty Ramon Dumagul

\$799,000 2942 Gibbons Dr 3BD/2.5A
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4713
Prudential Russ Grant

\$822,000 37 Hays Ct 4BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4802
Harbor Bay Realty Dennis Keefe

\$850,000 2326 Corona Ct 3BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-280-2112
RED OAK Edna Olmstead

\$859,000 1429 Grizzly Peak 3+BD/2.5A
Open Sun 2-4 510-868-1400
Prudential Jake McTigue

\$869,000 1215 Josephine St. 2+BD/1.5A
Sun. 2-4:30 510-525-3512
RED OAK Robin Kingsbury

\$879,000 1727-29 Delaware St 2+BD/2.5A
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-527-2700 X44
Marvin Gardens David Rattoosh

\$889,000 1629 Tacoma 3BD/2.5A
Sun. 2-4:30 510-338-1341 Leslie Avant

\$899,000 900 Cragmont 4+BD/3.5A
Open Sun 2-4 510-868-1400 Chris Hwang

\$915,000 1228 Grand View Dr 3+BD/2.5A
Sun. 2-4:30 510-338-1339 Gini Erck

\$929,000 1727-29 Delaware St 2+BD/2.5A
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-527-2700 X44 Marvin Gardens David Rattoosh

\$939,000 1228 Grand View Dr 2+BD/2.5A
Sun. 2-4:30 510-527-2700 X44 Marvin Gardens David Rattoosh

\$949,000 18856 Sydney Dr 3+BD/2.5A
Open Sun 2-4 510-527-2700 X44 Marvin Gardens David Rattoosh

\$959,000 2800 Claremont 3+BD/2.5A
Open Sun 1-4 510-559-2920 RED OAK

\$1,650,000 770 Pomona Dr 3+BD/2.5A
Open Sun 2-4 510-559-2915 RED OAK

\$1,750,000 18856 Sydney Dr 3+BD/2.5A
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| \$375,000 | 3022 East 29th Street | -BD/-BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Dimond(2 Units) | 510-339-4000 |
| Brian Marks | Montclair Better Homes | Arnold Mueller |
| \$375,000 | 371 30th St. #103 | 2BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | Pill Hill | 510-339-4700 |
| Darrell Hob | Coldwell Banker | Elena Stone |
| \$379,000 | 2615 Madeline St. | 2BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | Laurel | 510-339-4700 |
| Judy Ackerman | Coldwell Banker | |
| \$379,000 | 370 Oakland Ave | 2+BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-4 | Maxwell Park | 510-292-2015 |
| Charles Turvey | RED OAK | Hilma Azimzal |
| \$389,000 | 3625 Harbor View | 2BD/1BA |
| Open 2-5 | Sat. & Sun. | 510-530-4991 |
| Diamond Realty | | |
| \$389,000 | 2839 Modesto Avenue | 2+BD/2BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Maxwell Park | 510-339-4500 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Rosie Nysaether | |
| \$389,000 | 3927 Webster St | 2BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-4 | | 510-292-2013 |
| Todd Andrew | RED OAK | |
| \$389,000 | 464 43rd St. | 2BD/2BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Temescal | 510-531-7000 x246 |
| Wells & Bennett Realtors | Stan Hammond | |
| \$389,500 | 4051 Brown Ave. | 2BD/1BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Laurel | 510-338-4500 |
| Pacific Union Residential | Diane Earl McCann | |
| \$389,000 | 2534 Frances St. | 3BD/1.5BA |
| Open Sun 2-4 | | 510-251-600 |
| Help-U-Sell | Tony Wright | |
| \$399,000 | 2431 Park Blvd | 3+BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 1:30-4 | | 510-280-2181 |
| RED OAK | Gerry Pfoor | |
| \$399,000 | 3311 Florida St. | 3BD/1+BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Laurel | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Ed Kuo | |
| \$399,000 | 4200 Laguna Ave | 2BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9.90 |
| Prudential Montclair | Kriss Makris | |
| \$419,000 | 638 54th St | 3+BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Felicia Owens | |
| \$425,000 | 3545 Maple Ave | 3BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | | |
| Prudential | Jacqueline Palacios | |
| \$425,000 | 358 Lester Ave | 2+BD/1+BD |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Gene Boomer | |
| \$429,000 | 1002 Everett Ave. | 2BD/1BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Glenview | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Kurt Buchholz | |
| \$429,000 | 295 Lenox Ave #401 | 3BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | | 510-428-0900 |
| Prudential | Aleso/Vickie | |
| \$435,000 | 129 Mountain Valley | 2BD/2BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30pm | Sequoia | 510-569-3499 |
| Richardson R.E. Services | Georgia Richardson | |
| \$437,000 | 423 Athol | 2BD/1BA |
| Open 2-4:30 | | 510-339-4700 |
| Coldwell Banker | Noni Robinson | |
| \$439,000 | 3838 LaCresta Ave. | 2BD/2BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Glenview | 510-339-4000 |
| The Grubb Co. | Tricia Swift | |
| \$439,000 | 4007 Maybell Ave | 3BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Mary Dresser | |
| \$445,000 | 4372 Allendale Avenue | 3BD/3BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Maxwell Park | 510-339-4000 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Lila Owens | |
| \$449,000 | 644 60th St | 2BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 3-5 | | 510-273-9611 |
| Prudential Grand Lake | Karen Martin | |
| \$459,000 | 63 Sereno Circle | 2BD/2BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Redwood Heights | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Debbi Dimaggio | |
| \$465,000 | 198 Santa Clara Avenue | 3+BD/1.5BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Grand Lake | 510-339-4000 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Sherdelle Sims | |
| \$469,000 | 364 Lester Ave. | 2+BD/2BA |
| Open 2-5 | China Hill | 510-339-4700 |
| Coldwell Banker | Donna Conroy | |
| \$479,000 | 3799 Park Blvd Wy | 3BD/3BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | | 510-595-7699 |
| Remax East Bay Hills | Dave Higgins | |
| \$489,000 | 4015 Maybell Ave | 2+BD/1BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Mary Dresser | |
| \$489,000 | 424 37th St | trpx |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Grynbal/Randall | |
| \$489,000 | 4610 Mattis Ct | 3BD/2.5BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-638-4134 |
| Re/Max | Stephanie Christmas | |
| \$495,000 | 4826 Allendale | 3+BD/1+BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Maxwell Park | 510-531-7000 x228 |
| Wells & Bennett Realtors | Kate Phillips | |
| \$499,000 | 4921 Scotia | 4BD/2.5BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Grass Valley | 510-339-4000 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Ken Nwokedi | |
| \$499,000 | 5945 Zinn Dr. | 2BD/1BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Montclair | 510-339-1316 |
| Pacific Union Residential | Joan Dark | |

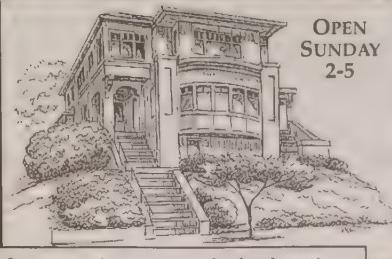
| Oakland | | |
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| \$499,000 | 6745 Sobrante Rd | 3BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Mary Dresser | |
| \$500,000 | 2533 Castello Street | 3BD/3BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | Dimond | 510-339-4000 |
| Coldwell Banker | Ken Nwokedi | |
| \$519,000 | 2155 Trafalgar Pl. | 2BD/1BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | Montclair | 510-339-4700 |
| Coldwell Banker | Becky Andersen/Nancy Dickey | |
| \$519,000 | 4960 & 4962 Desmond St. | Dup. |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | Rockridge | 510-338-1312 |
| Pacific Union Residential | Martha Holstow | |
| \$519,000 | 6558 Pinehaven | 3BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | | 510-339-4700 |
| Coldwell Banker | Claudia Bowman | |
| \$525,000 | 620 62nd St | 4BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4 | | 510-845-0211 |
| Prudential | Camille | |
| \$525,000 | 6453 Heather Ridge Way | -BD/-BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | Montclair(2 units) | 510-339-4550 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Nahid Nassiri | |
| \$549,000 | 320 Warwick Ave. | 2+BD/2BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Adams Point | 510-338-1355 |
| Pacific Union Residential | Donna Costella | |
| \$549,000 | 3948 Hanly Rd | 3BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Hobbs & Hobbs | |
| \$549,000 | 4455 View Pl. | 3BD/2.5BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Mavis Delacroix | |
| \$549,000 | 5320 Broadway | BD/BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | | 510-339-4700 |
| Coldwell Banker | Don Joy | |
| \$549,000 | 6578 Chabot Road | 3BD/1BA |
| Open Sun. 1-4 | | 925-932-7394 |
| Coldwell Banker | Karen Guarisco | |
| \$565,000 | 2017 Tiffin Rd | 2+BD/1.5BA |
| Open Sun 2-4 | | 510-845-0211 |
| Prudential | N. Platoff | |
| \$563,000 | 3979 Whittle Ave | 4BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 1-5pm | Dimond Dist | 510-530-2291 |
| By Owner | | |
| \$563,000 | 1039 Elsinore Ave | 4+BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | George Milliron | |
| \$569,000 | 6060 Harwood Ave | 2+BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4 | | 510-559-1444 X41 |
| Marvin Gardens | Ruth Goldstone | |
| \$575,000 | 1790 Arrowhead Drive | 3BD/3BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Montclair | 510-339-4550 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Nahid Nassiri | |
| \$579,000 | 6440 Pinehaven Rd | 3+BD/3BA |
| Open Sat/ Sun 1-4 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Gene Boomer | |
| \$579,000 | 6440 Pinehaven Rd | 3+BD/3BA |
| Open Sat/ Sun 1-4 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Darcy Diamant | |
| \$599,000 | 126 Alta | 2BD/1BA |
| Sun 2-4:30pm | Rockridge | 510-339-4700 |
| Coldwell Banker | Tom A nthony | |
| \$599,000 | 1981 Drake Drive | 3+BD/2BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30pm | Montclair | 510-338-2300 |
| Anthony Associates | | |
| \$599,000 | 3055 Richmond Blvd | dpx |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | David Otero | |
| \$599,000 | 7220 Sayre | 3BD/2BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30pm | Montclair | 510-339-8900 |
| The Grubb Co. | Mei Copland | |
| \$599,000 | 126 Alta | 2BD/1BA |
| Sun 2-4:30pm | Rockridge | 510-339-4700 |
| Coldwell Banker | Darcy Diamant | |
| \$599,000 | 5555 Moraga Ave | 4BD/4BA |
| Open Sat/ Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-845-0211 |
| Prudential Montclair | Barbara Hopper | |
| \$595,000 | 6621 Florence Terrace | 5+BD/3BA |
| Sun 2-4:30pm | | 510-339-4700 |
| Prudential Montclair | Andrea Gordon | |
| \$595,000 | 5555 Moraga Ave | 4BD/4BA |
| Open Sat/ Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-845-0211 |
| Prudential Montclair | Heidi Arnold | |
| \$597,000 | 30 Hiller Dr | 2BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Coldwell Banker | Judy Ackerman | |
| \$597,000 | 5555 Moraga Ave | 4BD/4BA |
| Open Sat/ Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-845-0211 |
| Prudential Montclair | Debbie Dimaggio | |
| \$599,000 | 6960 Norfolk Rd. | 4BD/3.5BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30pm | Claremont Hills | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Jill Carrigan | |
| \$599,500 | 35 Agnes | 4BD/3+BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30pm | Prudential | 510-428-0900 |
| The Grubb Co. | Barbara McQuaid | |
| \$601,000 | 806 Northvale Rd. | 4BD/3.5BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30pm | Crocker Highlands | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Katie & Sandra | |
| \$601,000 | 7 White Court | 5BD/3.5BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential | Heidi Marchesotti | |
| \$609,000 | 6973 Pinehaven Rd. + Lot | 2+BD/3BA |
| Sun. 1-5 | Montclair | 510-339-8915 |
| The Grubb Co. | Bernard Magara | |
| \$625,000 | 1387 Barrows Rd | 3BD/1.5BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-428-0900 |
| Prudential | Scott Thompson | |
| \$628,000 | 8031 Phalon Dr. | 4BD/2.5BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-2290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Myrtle Wong | |
| \$629,000 | 1206 Trestle Glen Rd. | 2+BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-0400 |
| Prudential Montclair | Sheila Gallagher | |
| \$629,000 | 1833 Woodhaven Way | 5BD/3.5BA |
| Open Sun 2-5 | | 510-595-7699 |
| Remax East Bay Hills | Dave Higgins | |
| \$632,000 | 715 & 717 Rand Avenue | Duplex |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | | 510-649-1111 x245 |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | Kelly Delaney | |
| \$649,000 | 5697 Cabot Dr | 3BD/2BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | | 510-339-9290 |
| Prudential Montclair | Vikki Landes | |
| \$649,000 | 5800 Colton Blvd. | 3BD/2+BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Montclair | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Lori Lombardo | |
| \$659,000 | 4051 Lyman Road | 3+BD/2.5BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Oakmore | 510-482-9000 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Patricia Bennett | |
| \$659,000 | 7014 Paso Robles Dr. | 3+BD/3BA |
| Open Sun. 2-4:30 | Montclair | 510-482-9000 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Patricia Bennett | |
| \$689,000 | 75 Starview | 3BD/2.5BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Hiller Highlands | 510-531-7000 x237 |
| Wells & Bennett Realtors | Wendy Callaghan | |

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| \$695,000 | 5317-5319 Broadway | -BD/-BA |
| Open Sun 2-4:30 | Rockridge Duplex | 510-339-4554 |
| Montclair Better Homes | Caroline Peters | |
| \$1,095,000 | 5526 Weaver Pl. | 4BD |
| Sun. 2-4:30 | Hillcrest Estates | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | Bettina Balestrieri | |
| \$1,295,000 | 5318 Julian Ct. | 3+BD/2.5BA |
| Sun. 2-4:30pm | Montclair | 510-339-0400 |
| The Grubb Co. | John J. Hodson | |
| \$1,495,000 | 145 Colgett Dr. | 5BD/4.5BA |
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Section C

El Cerrito moves on

■ The Gauchos rally in the seventh to beat Campolindo, advance to face Las Lomas for NCS 2A East Bay title

By Bill Kolb
STAFF WRITER

PLEASANT HILL — Somewhere you just knew, after the Campolindo High School baseball team scored two runs to take a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning, that the game was far from over.

The lead had changed hands in each of the previous two innings, El Cerrito had its big boppers coming up in the top of the seventh, and Cougars pitchers had been having trouble throwing strikes. It was a perfect recipe for seventh-inning fireworks.

Pyrotechnics were exactly what a boisterous crowd at Diablo Valley College got in the North Coast Section 2A East Bay

semifinal game, as the Gauchos (20-5) erupted for three runs on three hits to walk away with a 6-4 victory on Wednesday.

With the win, El Cerrito advances to Saturday's NCS 2A East Bay championship game at 4 p.m. at Oakland's Network Associates Coliseum, where it will face No. 1 seed Las Lomas.

"It feels great," El Cerrito hitting star Greg Murray said. "This is what we've played for all season. I couldn't be more happy."

After Miguel Sanchez — whose error on Kevin Lowe's fly ball to right in the sixth allowed the go-ahead run to score — struck out to lead off the inning, Murray stepped to the plate.

Murray was 2-for-2 with a walk at the time, but hadn't really seen a pitch that he could drive. Both of his singles were of the dribbling infield variety, and his fifth-inning walk came on four pitches.

Murray quickly got ahead in the count 2-0, then blasted Cory

Kahn's next offering down the left-field line for a standup double. Murray scored easily when Randy Minix launched the first pitch he saw from Kahn (5-2) deep to right for another double, tying the game at 4. Murray finished 3-for-3 with a walk, a double and three runs scored.

"It was 2-0, and I figured he wouldn't throw me a curve," Murray said of his rally-sparking double. "He left it up and I hit it. This team can hit the ball. You have to have somebody who can get it going. Today it was me. And once we get going, it's hard to stop us."

Minix moved up 90 feet on a wild pitch, then scored when David Greenstein rapped his second RBI single of the game. Greenstein; who was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, stole a base, then came around to score when Nick Gray reached on a throwing error by shortstop Sean Irving for an insurance run.



EL CERRITO'S Brian Wagner greets David Greenstein (7), who scored on an Campolindo error in the seventh inning.

PREP TRACK



ST. MARY'S Jason Bolden-Angerson, left, will take one of the top times in the state in the 110-meter hurdles into today's state meet.

No hurdle too big for these athletes

■ El Cerrito's Lodree, Berkeley's Brooks eye state track titles

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — The El Cerrito-Berkeley area can lay a claim as hurdles capital of the North Coast Section this season.

El Cerrito's Ashley Lodree roared to victories in the girls 100-meter hurdles and 300 hurdles, and Berkeley's Stephan Brooks had an upset win in the boys 300 hurdles at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions at Cal's Edwards Stadium.

Albany's Sean Carey and Berkeley's Alex Enesco also earned Meet of Champion titles in the boys 800 and 1,600, respectively.

Lodree's time of 13.79 in the 100 hurdles was the second-fastest time in the state according to a California Interscholastic Federation state leaders rankings updated Saturday morning by DyeStatCal.com. The top time by Ashlee Brown of John W. North-Riverside is 13.76.

"I kind of started off shaky

(Saturday), but as it went on, it got pretty good," said Lodree about her day. "I PR'd for this year in both (hurdle races)."

In the 300 hurdles, Lodree surged in the last 70 meters to win in 43.06, the fifth-fastest mark in the state.

Lodree started the day in the long jump. After running through two attempts for no mark, she passed on her final qualifying attempt for the finals.

"I wasn't jumping my best. I just wasn't jumping well," Lodree said.

But the rest of her day was bright. She anchored the El Cerrito 400 relay team to a third-place finish in 47.35 seconds before her hurdle heroics. The top four finishers in each event automatically qualified for the CIF State Championships today and Saturday at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

Tasha Mizel, Monique Coleman, Kavina Hall and Lodree formed El Cerrito's 400 relay. The Gauchos scored 40 points in the meet and finished second overall to James Logan (87).

After finishing second in the boys 400 (48.93), Brooks laid on the infield grass and thought

about his upcoming event, the 300 intermediate hurdles.

"I was thinking about coming out hard in the 300 hurdles and winning it," Brooks said.

Brooks turned his thoughts into reality.

He took the lead early and ran a strong final 100 to stun the crowd with a time of 37.42, defeating top qualifier Kevin Craddock of James Logan (37.71).

Brooks' mark is the top time in the state.

"When I lost the 400, it had me pumped up to run the 300 hurdles and win. I didn't want to lose twice," Brooks said. "Now I know that I have to practice the 300 hurdles more."

Carey also got off to a great start in the 800. The junior took the lead 50 meters into the race and never relinquished it, as he blasted through the first 400 in 55 seconds, then held off Sir Francis Drake-San Anselmo's Eric Lee for the win in 1:53.74.

Besides setting a personal record, Carey also had the 10th fastest time in the state.

"I always found it wasn't as good to start in the pack and wait until the end (to make a move). It's better to get in front and sur-

vive," Carey said.

Enesco took the lead in the boys 1,600 with 450 meters to go, then ripped off a 60-second final lap to earn his championship.

"I've always been pretty confident in my kick. Today, I was less confident. I had heard a lot about J.K. (Wither's) kick," Enesco said. "I wanted a PR and I wanted to win. It went perfect."

Pine Valley's Wopamo Osa-aisai clocked personal-record times in both the 100 (10.66) and 200 (21.45) while finishing second in both races.

St. Mary's Jason Bolden-Angerson clocked one of the fastest times in the state in the 110 high hurdles (14.37) to finish second.

El Cerrito's Coleman was second in the girls 100 (12.21), and Berkeley's Jere Summers placed second in the shot put (40-2).

Hercules' Meia Tezeno was the only Contra Costa County runner to qualify for the state championships in three individual events.

Tezeno finished third in the 100 hurdles (14.79), third in the 100 (12.24) and third in the 300 hurdles (44.16).

Cal's Jackson selected 19th

■ The Diamondbacks make the Bears third baseman the highest pick from Cal since 1966

By Marcus Thompson II
STAFF WRITER

Cal third baseman Conor Jackson said retiring his 1999 Ford Ranger will be kind of sad. He's had it since high school.

But it's something he's got to do.

"I've got to get an Escalade," Jackson, 21, said, referring to the popular Cadillac sports utility vehicle. "That's the first thing you have to do, right?"

Jackson became a rich man Tuesday when he was selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball Draft. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound junior was taken No. 19 overall by the Arizona Diamondbacks. He is the second-highest pick ever out of Cal. Shortstop/outfielder Ted Parks was taken with the 16th overall pick by the Baltimore Orioles in 1966.

Cal right-hander Brian Montalbo followed Jackson, going in the seventh round to the Milwaukee Brewers.

It was widely believed Jackson would be drafted by the A's with the 25th overall pick. Jackson said he figured either the A's or Diamondbacks knew he was headed to Arizona once the Chicago White Sox drafted University of Arizona outfielder Brian Anderson — said to be the Diamondbacks' top choice — with the No. 15 pick.

Jackson said he was in negotiations with Arizona on Monday night, when he rejected an offer that included a \$1.4 million dollar signing bonus. He said he wants around the same signing bonus the last few No. 19 picks have received, which he calculated to be between \$1.5 and \$1.7 million.

"They came in with some offers last night, and we turned them down," said Jackson, who this season hit .388 with 15 homers, 44 RBI and had a .538 on-base percentage. "They still picked me up. That's very encouraging."

"I just want slot value for that pick. I'm not going to sit here and ask for \$4 million or anything like that. Last year, (pick No.) 19 got \$1.7 million."

Monte Vista High School graduate Mateo Miramontes went out and bought six hats and two kids jerseys of his new team: the New York Mets. The Mets took Miramontes in the sixth round.

Miramontes likely would have

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Golf fund-raiser

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland will host the 44th annual Fun with a Purpose golf tournament at Sequoia Country Club on June 16. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$250 with sponsorships starting at \$1,500. Funds raised will support programs for the 2,000 members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland.

For more information, call Mikki Fannie at 444-8211.

Junior rowing

Oakland Strokes is one of the premier junior rowing clubs in the nation. For more information on the club, including membership and summer camps, go to www.oaklandstrokes.org.

Softball skills clinic

Cal State Hayward in conjunction with Freedom High School softball will be holding two softball skills clinics conducted by Cal State Hayward coaching staff and softball team. Ages 14-18 will be held June 17-18 at the Cal State Hayward campus and ages

9-13 will be held June 19 at the Fremont High School campus. For information call Carol Freemer at 925-625-5460, or e-mail at Freemer@pacbell.net or visit www.eteamz.com/freedomsoftball.

Golden Bear football camp

Cal's Intercollegiate Athletic coaching staff will offer two full-contact football camps on the UC Berkeley campus June 14-16 and June 17-19 for youths entering grades 9-12. For information or a brochure call 643-2267 or visit www.calbearbs.com or www.oski.org.

NCS baseball at the Net

The Network Associates Coliseum will be the site of the North Coast Section baseball finals for the second consecutive year.

All championship games will be played Saturday, starting with the 2A Redwood Empire title game at 10 a.m. Championship games for the 3A Redwood Empire (1 p.m.), 2A East Bay (4 p.m.) and 3A East Bay (7 p.m.) will follow.

Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$6 for students with ID, senior citizen and children. Stadium parking is \$12.

Passing league

The First Annual JV Air Out Passing League will be held at Castlemont High School on Mondays from June 30 through July 28 with three games per night. The cost is \$25 per team with a minimum of five games per team. For information call Amin Denny at 925-766-4977.

East West Shootout

The First Annual "East West Shootout" linemen challenges events will be held on June 28 at Castlemont High School. Events start at 9 a.m. and include a 4x100 relay, tug-of-war, team press and sled race. The cost is \$50 per team with a four man minimum and nine man maximum. For information call Amin Denny at 925-766-4977.

Albany Bobcats Youth Tackle and Cheerleading

Albany Bobcats Youth Tackle and Cheerleading will be holding registration for ages 6-14 on Saturday and

June 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dug's Dugout, 863 San Pablo in Albany. Three weekday practices start Aug. 4. Games are on Saturdays in September and October. There are five age/weight divisions. For information call Mike Adney at 528-4756 or visit www.albanyfootball.com.

Kent Robie Scholarship Tournament

The Kent Robie Scholarship Tournament will be held June 16 at Boundary Oak Golf Course in Walnut Creek. Check in will be at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Dinner will be held immediately after the tournament at Blakes at Boundary Oak. There will also be a raffle and auction. The cost is \$130 per player or \$520 for a foursome. For information call Jim Grace at 925-685-8414, ext. 3622.

UC Berkeley track and field camps

Cal's Intercollegiate Athletic Track and Field coaching staff will direct the commuter, resident and junior day track and field camps on the UC Berkeley campus June 29-July 3 and June 23-26 for ages 7-17 beginning to

advanced levels. For information or to receive a brochure call 643-2267 or visit www.calbearbs.com or www.oski.org.

Summer hoops league

The Oakland Neighborhood Basketball League, which celebrates its 30th year this summer, opened on Monday. Registration for teams and individuals will continue through today.

The ONBL, open to players 8-18, is one of the most competitive youth basketball leagues in the area. Registration forms are available at the Office of Parks and Recreation, 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Forms can also be obtained by mail or by fax by calling 238-3494 or by faxing a request to 926-2823, ATT: Frederick L. Morris III.

Girls basketball camps

Caren Horstmeyer's Girls Basketball Camps will be held at the Cal Berkeley campus for individuals and teams grades K-12 this summer from June through August. For information call 800-738-1815 or visit www.oski.org.

John Stockton, Oscar Robertson and Bob Cousy.

And still he doesn't get his due. It is because he finds a way to score without being a pure shooter? He's barely over 40 percent from the floor for his career. Yet he's shooting 32.5 percent on 3-pointers.

Is it because his frenetic pace leads to chaotic fast breaks on cluttered floors? Is it because his defensive tenacity and quick hands ugly up the game by disrupting his opponents' offensive flow?

Is it because his biggest skill is making his teammates look better? Is it because he's not a shameless self-promoter? Could it be because he hasn't won a ring?

Commissioner David Stern wouldn't dare declare a rooting interest in this series, but a Kidd-led Finals victory would be a wonderful development for the NBA. Duncan and Robinson have their rings. A championship would validate Kidd's greatness, perhaps even elevating him to the status of one-name NBA icons.

To say nothing of what it would do for the Nets, who have been a running joke for most of their quarter-century in the league. One suggestion to Nets' management should this delightful scenario come to pass: Hold the victory parade somewhere other than East Rutherford.

They say Teaneck is nice this time of year.

Stanford had four players drafted Tuesday, highlighted by right fielder Carlos Quentin being drafted in the first round by the Diamondbacks.

Cardinal right-hander John Hudgins was taken in the third round with the 76th pick overall by the Texas Rangers, followed two picks later by his catcher, Johnny Bench Award finalist Ryan Garko, who went to the Cleveland Indians. Left-hander Tim Cunningham went in the ninth round to the Rangers.

None of them can celebrate too hard as Stanford is still in the hunt for a national title. The Cardinal takes on Long Beach State in an NCAA Tournament Super Regional on Friday.

"When you're off the field, you can't help but think about it," Quentin said. "We've got to stay focused. We're so close. If we win two out of these next three games, we're back in Omaha (for the College World Series)."

Stanford may have lost one of its top football recruits, Jai Miller, who signed with the Cardinal as a receiver out of Selma (Ala.) High School, was drafted in the fourth round by the Florida Marlins, who expect him to sign.

Sacramento City College right-hander Kurt Koehler, a Pinole Valley High School graduate, was picked by the Florida Marlins in the 17th round.

Oaks of season two victories

The Oaks baseball team on a promising road sweeping a double NorCal at Diablo in Pleasant Hill.

The Oaks won 4-1, then rallied

(Larrie Cragg) in the only two games and won 10-2.

De Andre (High School) fanned 10, one run and Matt (Game wire).

Samuel (Game wire) into the fifth inning. Cal scored 2-2, 4-3 in the 10th. Cal scored 4-4 advantage.

The Oaks comeback in the sixth inning. Cal home run victory is last, had hit a single on the fourth round.

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Ferrante, De Andre (Berkeley) and (Piedmont) combine with Aurora and NorCal in the top of the fifth.

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Runner challenges for the top

LOCAL CIF QUALIFIERS

Area qualifiers for the CIF state track and field championships:

BOYS

Garrett Adams (California) DT; Graham Bockmiller (Miramonte) PV; Jason Borden-Anderson (St. Mary's) 110 H, 300 H, 300 M; Stephan Brooks (Berkeley) 300 H; Deute Brown (Concord) LJ; Sean Carey (Albany) 800; Nicholas Cassell (Cal) TJ; Adam Cimino (Academy) 100; Paul Clift (Pittsburg) LJ; Scott Coyle (Granada) TJ; Paul Cruckshank (110 H); Maurice Dunn (De La Salle) 100; Michael Elbogen (Cal) 400; Alex Escobee (Berkeley) 1600; David Felic (Campolindo) SP; Roger Francis (DLS) HJ; Brian Gabard (Northgate) LJ; David Klech (Cal) HJ; Nina Kolyouthapong (Cal) 200; Carey Matthews (DLS) 1600; Dejon Muldrow (Pitt) 100, 200; Andre Neal (Deer Valley) 110 H; Wopomo Osaaisai (Pinole Valley) 100, 200; Mark See (Alhambra) DT; Bobby Smallman (Gra) DT; DJ Smith (Foothill) 100, 200; Anthony Washington (Berkeley) 400; Billy Wills (Antioch) SP; Foothill 400 relay; Berkeley 1,600 relay; California 1,600 relay

GIRLS

Lindsay Allen (College Park) 1600; Kathryn Buckles (Monte Vista) TJ; Tiffany Chang (Campolindo) PV, LJ; Monique Coleman (El Cerrito) 100, 200; Lisa Crampton (Granada) 1600; Drusin Dickson (Academy) 800; Allison Egan (San Ramon Valley) HJ; Lauren Frizzell (Amador Valley) TJ; Keah Gee (Clayton Valley) SP; Charlene Heaston (Las Lomas) DT; Samantha Jones (Alhambra) 3200; Emily Kochly (Carondelet) TJ; Ashley Lodree (El Cerrito) 100, 300 H, 300 M; Laura Lombach (Foothill) LJ; Becky Stone (Car) PV; Jere Summers (Berkeley) DT; Mele Tezeno (Hercules) 100 H, 100, 300 H; Alexae Toenai (Pittsburg) DT; Ashley Wallach (1600 relay); Deer Valley 1600 relay; Miramonte 1600 relay

spots but who hit stellar marks don't get left behind. It works like a free pass, but is reserved for only the fastest runners' best jumpers and longest throwers. This year at the Meet of Champions, the at-large standard didn't come into play. But it was close. In both the boys' 800 and the girls' 3,200 races, all four top finishers made the at-large cut.

The 800 at-large mark was set at 1:55.49 for the boys and with Albany's Sean Carey setting the pace with a winning 1:53.74, Sir Francis Drake's Eric Lee (1:53.79), Montgomery Regan Masl (1:54.34) and Bishop O'Dowd's Tim Wallace (1:56.13)

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Do not pass go

For every event, a standard is set so that individuals who may finish out of the top four automatic qualifying

— Phil Jensen and Darcyn Couch

names get to go to the state meet.

College Park distance specialist Lindsay Allen also pushed her fellow top-four finishers under the at-large mark set at 1:55.27. Allen hit a scalding 10:41.86 for first, Rancho Cotati's Phyllis Blanchard went 10:45.31, Ukiah's Shelly Leland finished in 10:49.12, and Marin Catholic's Nicole Fleh also slipped under the wire in 10:50.84.

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Arts

Area artists extend a welcome

By Mary Reiley
STAFF WRITER

More than 500 artists will open their doors to the public this weekend for the annual Oakland Pro Arts Open Studios tour around the East Bay.

Pro Arts is a nonprofit organization with more than 800 members. Since its founding in 1974, it has sponsored 23 open studio tours, said Svea Lin Vezzone, Pro Arts' exhibition and program manager.

"This is a great opportunity for those who are just starting to collect," she said.

That's due to the diversity of media available at Pro Arts and in the participating artists' studios and galleries.

For instance, oil paintings, three-dimensional memory boxes and a series of paper dolls have been occupying the time and energy of artist Pam Fingado of El Cerrito.

She is part of a West Contra Costa group calling themselves "Top of the Map" artists. That's because their location on the map of participating East Bay artists' studios is, of course, north of Oakland, putting all 24 of them at the top.

Fingado has been doing the tour more than eight years, she said.

"I feel it's an important part of my art career," she said. "Because of Open Studio, I've met people in the community I wouldn't ordinarily meet."

Fingado's work may be found at www.pamfingado.com.

The locals have put out their own brochure, available at the Richmond and Kensington libraries and community centers in El Cerrito and Point Richmond.

Calling himself a "cartoon sur-



ARTIST PAM FINGADO of El Cerrito will open her studio to the public during the Pro Arts Open Studios tour Saturday and Sunday, and June 7 and 8.

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realist," Gary Becker of Richmond puts things together "in an unusual way," he said.

"I do peculiar things with reality," he said. "I create my own world, beyond a photographic representation."

His work is influenced by Native American or primitive art, he added, more from the heart and less from the head.

He has added a new dimension to his creativity by publishing a book of poetry.

Becker's artwork may be found at www.intres.com/gary-becker.

"There's a fabulous variety of artists," said Richmond photog-

rapher Jane Magid.

A good way to get a sense of what artists you might like to visit, she said, is to go to the Oakland Pro Arts gallery, 461 9th St., or visit the Web site at www.proartsgallery.org/ebos2003.

Visiting the artists' studios allows one to see the works in their natural habitat, Magid said.

"It's a great way to see not just the art, but the artist as well," she added.

Self-guided tours may be taken from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat-

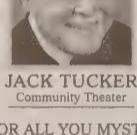
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Free maps are available at Oakland Pro Arts; Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave.; the Art Store, 811 University Ave., Berkeley; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; and other sites. For a complete listing, click on maps at www.proarts-gallery.org/ebos2003.

For more information, call Pro Arts at 510-763-4361.

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Aging mysteries still offer thrills, laughs



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

FOR ALL YOU MYSTERY FANS, a couple of all-time favorites are up and running at East Bay theaters. Of course, any mention of "all-time" in connection with a stage thriller is a dead — ha-ha — giveaway that one of them is Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap." The ancient whodunit opened Nov. 25, 1952, in London and hasn't folded yet, making it the longest continuous run in history.

The other puzzler is Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," not as long in the tooth as the Christie classic, but distinctive in another way. It has the rare and skillful blend of two priceless theatrical ingredients — gasp-inducing surprises and spontaneous laughter.

"The Mousetrap" is playing at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 28 at the outdoor venue of the Orinda Starlight Village Players in the community center, 26 Orinda Way. There's also a matinee at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, plus an 8 p.m. Thursday performance on June 26.

Tickets at the door are \$14 general, \$10 for seniors and students. Call 925-253-1191 or 925-254-5530 for information.

Incidentally, while scooping out this enduring classic and its author, I learned that Dame Agatha, a generally retiring woman, got most of her best ideas while eating apples in her bathtub. You can thank one John Moran, a contributor to "The People's Almanac," for that intriguing bit of literary lore.

"Deathtrap" is about a writer of mystery plays whose recent offerings have been flops. He's prepared to go to any length to climb out of this dry hole. Then he receives a script from a student in a college seminar he has been conducting. Ah-ha! He smells a Broadway smash. If only he could ...

Sorry, end of line.

"Deathtrap" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays through June 29 at California Conservatory The-



STARRING in ACT's "The Three Sisters" are Mirhana Jokovic, Katharine Powell, Rene Augesen and Lorri Holt.

atre, 999 East 14th St., San Leandro.

Tickets are \$17 general, \$15 for seniors, students and TBA members. Call 510-882-8850.

CHECK OUT CHEKHOV: If you haven't caught "The Three Sisters" at San Francisco's ACT yet, three performances remain: 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The is Paul Schmidt's translation of the drama by Anton Chekhov, directed by Carey Perloff. It tells in Schmidt's direct and immediate style the story of three sisters, trapped in a provincial Russian town after the death of their father, and their lament for the passing of better times and their longing for the excitement of Moscow.

Tickets for "The Three Sisters" range from \$11 to \$61 and can be purchased at the Geary Theatre box office, 405 Geary St., San Francisco. Call 415-749-2228, or visit the ACT Web site at www.act-sf.org.

Groups of 15 or more people are eligible for discounts. Call Edward Budworth at 415-439-2473.

OH 'PSHAW,' MISTER SHAW: Well, we're sure into a

passel of old-time goodies today, aren't we? Here's another one:

Ross Valley Players comes up with "Mrs. Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw as it continues its 73rd season.

It's playing weekends through June 29 at The Barn Theatre,

Marin Art and Garden Center.

That's at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Lagunitas, in Ross.

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. Three Thursday performances are at 7:30 p.m. on June 12, 19 and 26. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. on June 15, 22 and 29.

Tickets are \$17 general, \$14 for seniors 62 years and over, and youth 14 and under. The Thursday shows are \$12 for all.

Call 415-456-9555, or check out the Web site at www.rossvalleyplayers.org.

When you remember that this play was written 110 years ago, it's not hard to guess what Mrs. Warren's "profession" was. In 1893, few women could aspire to or reach the manly professions of that day — medicine, the law, science and so on. She chose the world's old-

est profession, rising from poverty to riches through prostitution.

Shaw's play, however, does not focus so much on sexual morality — a narrow interpretation for which it was banned from English stages for many years — as it turns the major attention to Victorian hypocrisy and two-faced capitalism.

At the heart of the drama is

Mrs. Warren's emancipated, intelligent and self-sufficient daughter, Vivie, who must come to terms with her mother's past and her own future.

Of all the revivals mentioned today, "Mrs. Warren's Profession" exudes the freshest pertinence as it reflects on the economic position of women and the ethics of capitalism and investment.

PEEKING BEHIND THE CURTAIN: Let's wind up by getting off stage and into the nitty gritty of theater production — without which performances would lose most of their visual and aural vibrancy.

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Events

Stage

ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE — "Once Upon a Mattress" by Mary Rodgers, Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller, closing June 14. Based upon the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea," this musical features scrappy Princess Winifred the Woebe-gone vying for the hand of Prince Dauntless the Drab.

\$15 general; \$12 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. The Altarena Playhouse, 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553 or www.altarena.com

BERKELEY REPETITION THEATRE — "The Guys" by Anne Nelson, through July 5. The 9/11-inspired drama finds Nick, a New York City fire captain, silenced by grief over the loss of his colleagues and friends. When he is asked to write eulogies for his "guys," he discovers he cannot do it. He meets Joan, an editor who will help him, and in turn they both learn to deal with their grief. The two-person show has rotating actors in it. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; June 7, June 12, June 21 and June 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; July 5, 2 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCE JULY 4. \$10 to \$54.

Through June 8: Dan Lauria and Loraine Toussaint star.

June 10 through June 15: Sharon Lawrence and Joe Spano

June 17 through June 22: Linda Purl and Joe Spano.

June 24 through July 5: Wanda De Jesus and Jimmy Smits.

SPECIAL EVENT — "Page to Stage," June 9, 7 p.m. Playwright, novelist and journalist Anne Nelson will talk about how and why she wrote "The Guys." She will be joined by actor Joe Spano and the discussion will be moderated by Linda Schachet Gage Free

2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BRTix or www.berkeleyrep.org

CENTRAL WORKS THEATER ENSEMBLE — "The Wyrd Sisters" by Gary Graves, June 13 through July 13. A comedic play based on William Shakespeare's "King Lear," following the story of three sisters.

\$8 to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. NO PERFORMANCE JULY 4. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-556-1381 or www.centralsworks.com

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "The Threepenny Opera" by Bertolt Brecht, June 6 through July 19. A musical satire on the bourgeois society of the Weimar Republic. An English adaptation by Marc Blitzstein.

\$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, 2:30 p.m.

105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas, through June 22. In honor of the 50th anniversary of this "play for voices," Thomas' work has been resuscitated to show again a typical day in a coastal Welsh town, Llaregub. The tale exposes the darkly comic underside of some 50 salty and colorful characters.

\$18 general; \$12 children and seniors.

Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 8th St., Berkeley. 510-704-8210 or www.shotgunplayers.org

THEATREFIRST — "A Map of the World," June 6 through June 29. A multi-layered play dealing with America's difficult relationship with Third World countries.

\$16 to \$19 general; half-price for persons under 25; \$13 to \$16 seniors and students; June 12, pay-what-you-can-night. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Ehrmann Hall, Oakland YWCA, 1515 Webster St., Oakland. 510-436-5085 or www.theatrefirst.com

TRANSPARENT THEATER — "Virginia Woolf's Night and Day" by Tom Clyde, closing June 8. The play follows six young people in 1910, and their fight over love, war, marriage and independence. This is the world premiere of the play, which is based on Woolf's second novel. \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; pay-what-you-can. Sundays, 7 p.m. 1910 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheater.org

POPULAR MUSIC

ARENA IN OAKLAND — Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

\$39 to \$62. 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland. 510-762-2277 or www.tickets.com

ASHKENAZ — Pandeiro do Brasil with Karana and Dandara, The Ginga Brasil Dance Troupe, June 6, 9:30 p.m. Brazilian dance lessons at 9 p.m. \$13.

Kotaja, June 7, 9:30 p.m. Dance lessons with Comfort Mensah at 9 p.m. \$13.

Sol Americano and The Mara Connection, June 10, 8 p.m. A benefit for the non-profit Center for Educational Research and Development. \$10.

NO Blues Connection, June 11, 9 p.m. Swing dance lessons with Nick and Shanna at 8 p.m. \$9.

Jesse Leggs with Sauce Piquante, June 12, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lessons with Cheryl McBride at 8 p.m. \$11.

Groundation, June 13, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

O-Maya, June 14, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com

BECKETT'S IRISH PUB — Seventy, June 6.

Nicole McRoy, June 7, June 11 and June 14.

O'Dub, June 12.

Sterling Devish, June 13.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire, Ben Nuckles, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Evan Hensler, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Chris Vogner, Philip Wurtzel, Dallas Morning News; Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Jay Boyar, Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Battaille, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"ADAPTATION": This latest collaboration from director Spike Jonze and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the "Being John Malkovich" team, is a heady, happy jumble of thought and storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a sane and breathtakingly creative film. Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to film, with Nicolas Cage doing double duty as the tortured screenwriter and his more successful twin

brother. Add to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things, and an Oscar-winning performance by Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"ANGER MANAGEMENT": Enough already with Adam Sandler playing angry guys. Here he's teamed with Jack Nicholson, who plays a rage counselor assigned to Sandler's character, Dave Buznik, after he's mistakenly accused of attacking a flight attendant. Or maybe it isn't a mistake. Dave does seem to have some deep-rooted issues that keep him from speaking his mind, or from kissing his pretty girlfriend (Marisa Tomei) in public. But Dave's anger is kind of a bore, and so is the movie, particularly in its second half. Come to think of it, let's lower this grade: that C was too soft. — M. Pols. (PG-13: crude sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C

"BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM": This genial ethnic sports comedy directed by Gurinder Chadha was a big hit in Britain last year. Jess (Parmander Nagra) is the younger daughter in a family of middle-class Punjabi immigrants residing in a London suburb. Her passion for soccer puts her at odds with her parents, who think sports are an improper pastime for an almost-grown

teenager with marriage and university to think about. The result is a culture clash that ripples outward from her own household and becomes more and more complicated until the soccer match comes along to sort it all out. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. C-

"BETTER LUCK TOMORROW": A group of high school buddies are classic overachievers who pass a good chunk of their time fretting over SAT scores, debate team strategy and whether they'll get early acceptance to Ivy League schools. But not wanting to be pigeonholed as scholastic nerds, they round themselves out with extracurricular activities. The usual stuff. Cheat Sheet 101. Cocaine and the Global Economy. Murder for Beginners. First-time director Justin Lin has crafted a teen satire that stands all Asian-American stereotypes on their ears. — G. Lovell. (R: profanity, sex, violence.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

"BLUE CAP": An eloquent and empowering movie about what it means to be a girl growing up. R rating notwithstanding, if you've got a teenager, consider taking her or him to see this clear but non-judgmental illustration of the dangers inherent in an attraction between a young person and an adult. Budding poet Megan (the extraordinary Agnes Bruckner) is a child of a bitter divorce, neglected

by both parents. She grasps happily at the initially innocent attentions of her English teacher, Mr. Auster (David Strathairn, brilliant in a challenging role). First-time writer/director Karen Moncrieff places us so deeply into the situation that we fall into the same trap Megan does, a deceptive belief that these kindred souls should be together. The shift away from that imparts a definitive lesson in the power of self-respect. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. A

"BOWLING FOR COLUMbine": Just hours before they killed a dozen classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? Is it logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. For documentary writer-director Michael Moore, the asking is what's important. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"CONFIDENCE": A predictable and highly derivative heist movie that relies heavily on trips to strip joints for cheap thrills. Ed Burns makes a cute con man, Dustin Hoffman chews gum in between mouthfuls of scenery as allegedly psycho bad guy and Rachel Weisz plays the girl, although unfortunately the chemistry between her and Burns is minimal. The con is fun to watch, but what can isn't? Wait for the video. — M. Pols. (R: language, violence, sexuality and nudity.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C-

"DADDY DAY CARE": Mild, sweet and family-friendly, the quintessential in-flight movie. Eddie Murphy, his propensity for filthy raw humor completely neutered, stars as a marketing executive too busy to pay much attention to his adorable little boy (Oakland native Khaman Griffin). When he and his best buddy (Jeff Garlin) get laid off and become stay-at-home dads, they decide to open a day-care center. Lots of jokes about Ritalin and dirty diapers follow. The weird thing is, the once-greedy Murphy has become almost too gracious with sharing the punch lines. The funniest thing in the movie isn't him, it's a superb straight man named Jonathan Katz, who plays a child welfare inspector. — M. Pols. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

"BRUCE ALMIGHTY": After local TV reporter Bruce (Jim Carrey) gets fired, he complains so much about his lot in life that God (Morgan Freeman) decides to teach him a lesson. Granted God's powers, the reporter gives himself the ultimate scoop (he finds the body of Jimmy Hoffa), turns his girlfriend (Jennifer Aniston) into a panting she-cat and generally takes very good care of himself. We're supposed to think this is a wonderful insincere life (there's even a clip of the Jimmy Stewart classic at one point), but as rendered by Carrey, Bruce is just a whining, despicable, unworthy bore. Carrey, returning to comedy after trying his hand at drama to minimal box office success, seems shut off from human contact. You look into his eyes and see only rage. Not the best recipe for an allegedly feel-good movie. As God, however, Freeman is good. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sexual content and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C-

"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby?

"Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renée Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"THE DANCER UPSTAIRS": In this pleasurable neeve-jangling thriller, Spanish actor Javier Bardem plays a tender-eyed cop named Agustín Rejas trying to track down a mysterious terrorist in a highly corrupt South American country. Written by Nicholas Shakespeare, who adapted the screenplay from his novel, and directed with confident flair by actor John Malkovich, this film involves Rejas' two-track inquiry into a spasm of terrorism and rather less satisfactorily for us, the uneasy stirrings of the policeman's heart. Like the book, the film is partly based on the hunt for Abimael Guzman, founder of Peru's notorious Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). — M. Dargis. (R: strong violence and language.) 2 hour, 9 minutes. B-

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"DOWN WITH LOVE": A fairly winning new romantic comedy that could be right out of the Restoration Hardware catalogue, a stylistic homage to the '60s Doris Day-Rock Hudson comedies. Renee Zellweger is Barbara Novak, author of a shocking new feminist treatise that proposes women who want to get ahead should put aside love. It's a huge publishing hit, but it hampers the sex life of cocky jour-

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday June 6

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-549-7249
•The Dancer Upstairs (R) 6:30, 9:30.
•L'Auberge Espagnole (R) 7, 10.

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-924-9588

•Together (2003) (PG) 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30

•Winged Migration 12, 2:15, 4:30, 6:40, 9

AMC Bay Street 16

5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262

•Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 11, 15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15.

•Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25.

•Finding Nemo (G) 11, 14:5, 12:15, 1, 1:45, 2:30, 3:45, 4:30, 5:05, 5:40,

6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 8:30, 9:40, 11, 12:15.

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:15, 12:45, 2, 3:30, 4:45, 6:10, 7:30, 9, 10:30, 11:45.

•The Matrix Reloaded (R) 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30.

•Wrong Turn (R) 11:45, 1:50, 3:55, 6:05, 8:05, 10:10, 12:15.

•X2 (PG-13) 11:30, 2:30, 5:25, 6:25, 9:15.

•A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 2:45, 3, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15.

•California Theatre

2113 Kittridge St., Berkeley 510-848-0249

•Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 12:20, 2:30, 3:45, 4:15, 7, 9:15.

•Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:25, 9:35.

•A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 2:45, 3, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15.

•Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300

•The Human Body (Not Rated) 11:30, 5:30, 8:30.

•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30.

•Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 12:30.

•To Fly! (Not Rated) 10:30, 2:30, 4:30.

•Elmwood 3

2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530

•Anger Management (PG-13) 4:45.

•Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary (PG) 4:50, 6:50.

•Bowling for Columbine (R) 4:40, 9:10.

•Chicago (PG-13) 7.

•Frida (R) 8:50.

•Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy

Working with Time (Not Rated) 4:45, 9.

•Renaissance Grand Lake

3200 Grand Ave., Oakland 510-452-3556

•Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 11, 13:30, 2,

4:30, 7:20, 9:40, 10:10, 12:15.

•Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45.

•Finding Nemo (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20.

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:15, 1:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45.

•Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15.

•Jack London Stadium

100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320

•Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 12,

1:40, 2:10, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7, 7:30, 8, 9:40, 10:10, 12:15.

•Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:55,

5:15, 7:15, 9:45.

•Finding Nemo (G) 11:05, 11:50, 1:30,

2:30, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:40, 9:15, 10:05.

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:15, 1:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45.

•Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7:05,

10:15.

•Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Ave., Berkeley 510-526-1836

•Down with Love (PG-13) 7, 9.

•Marooned in Iraq (Not Rated) 7:30, 9:20.

•Parkway Theater

1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400

•Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 9:45.

•Down with Love (PG-13) 9:15.

•Identity (R) 7.

•Raising Victor Vargas (R) 6:30.

•Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-654-2758

•Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:40,

4:10, 6:40, 9:10.

•Together (2003) (PG) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9.

•Winged Migration 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:20.

•Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-844-2992

•Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:30,

4:05, 6:45, 9:20.

•A Decade Under the Influence (R)

12:15, 2:15, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55.

•Finding Nemo (G) 12, 1, 2:30, 3:30,

4:55, 6, 8:20, 8:30, 9:45.

•Holes (PG) 2, 4:30.

•The Man On The Train (R) 12:20, 2:35,

5, 7:10, 9:30.

•Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 1:45,

4:50, 8.

•Raising Victor Vargas (R) 7:05, 9:25.

•Spellbound (G) 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15,

9:15.

•Sweet Sixteen (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:30,

7:20, 8:30, 9:45.

•United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-240-0492

•Chicago (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45,

8:15, 10:50.

•Daddy Day Care (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 4:45,

7:20, 9:30.

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:30, 12,

2:30, 4:30, 5:45, 7:15, 9:45.

•The Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:30, 3:30,

6:30, 9:15.

•X2 (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:20, 10:15.

•Bridge Theatre

2274 Shattuck Ave., San Francisco 415-931-8900

•Chicago (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45,

8:15, 10:50.

•Daddy Day Care (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 4:45,

7:20, 9:30.

•Down with Love (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 5:

7:30, 9:45.

•Finding Nemo (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45,

7:15, 9:45.

•The Italian Job (PG-13) 11:45, 1:15, 4:45,

7:15, 9:45.

•The Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:30, 3:30,

6:30, 9:15.

•X2 (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:20, 10:15.

•Central Contra Costa Renaissance Orinda Theatre

4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060

•Down with Love (PG-13) 12, 2, 4:30, 7,

9.

•Finding Nemo (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45,

7:15, 9:45.

•The Matrix Reloaded (R) 12:30, 3:30,

6:30, 9:15.

•X2 (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:20, 10:15.

•Rheem Theatre

350 Park St. Moraga 925-988-3411

•Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 10:40, 12, 1,

1:40, 3, 4, 4:50, 6:10, 7:10, 8, 9:20, 9:50,

10:20, 11:10, 12:30, 12:50.

•Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 10:50, 11:50,

1:30, 2:40, 4:30, 5:40, 7:40, 8:40, 10:40,

11:40.

•Down with Love (PG-13) 3:20, 10,

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8:30, 9:35, 11:30, 12:20.

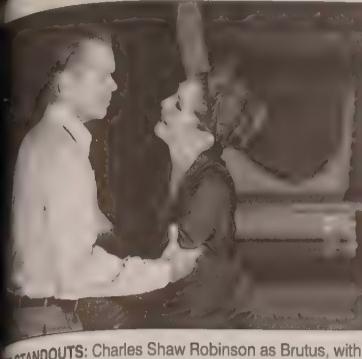
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11:20.

•The Matrix Reloaded (R) 10:30, 11:20,

1:20, 2:20, 4:20, 5:5



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Ceser' propelled by power of lead actor

Georgia Rowe
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MAKES his first entrance atop a massive billboard emblazoned with the single-word *Ceser'*! Even before L. Peter Callender's *Caesar* is a commanding presence, his mesmerizing performance in the title role is the star of the new California Shakespeare Theater production of Shakespeare's *'Julius Caesar'*. A performance that comes with consistent drama, even when the other in the staging by the artistic director, Moscone, do not.

The production, which Saturday night at the Memorial Amphitheater in four shows in the summer season for the formerly known as the Shakespeare Festival director's most cohesive to date. Saturday, the evening elements occurred overwhelmed the cast, while some of the characterizations largely indistinct.

In the title role, though,

Callender — a Cal Shakes and one of the Bay Area's most accomplished actors — with impressive depth.

Shakespeare's *Caesar* is a complex creation: a ruler who revels in public adoration, yet spurns the crown when it is offered to him; a military hero who is alternately described as a powerful colossus and a coward with the constitution of "a sick girl." Callender brings every conflicting facet to the fore. His first appearance on the streets of Rome is the sort of photo opportunity — with Callender pressing the flesh and smiling for the cameras — that we've come to expect from the political leaders of our own time.

Of course, *"Julius Caesar"* is always timely; it is, after all, a play about a superpower without a strong leader. Moscone and his design team underscore the parallels between ancient Rome and contemporary America in a way that deftly bridges the centuries.

John Coyle's set, which is dominated by the Caesar billboard and logo, has a stark, modern look, with sliding doors and a scaffold that doubles as a lighting tower and a vertical path for entrances and exits. Michael Chybowski's fluorescent lighting gives Moscone's stage pictures a hard edge, and Katherine Roth's costumes suggest a sleek Armani version of ancient Rome.

In the show's best moments

— the opening scene, the pivotal murder of Caesar on the capital steps, Mark Antony's masterful manipulation of the plebeians —



THEATER REVIEW

- **WHAT:** California Shakespeare Theater presents *'Julius Caesar'*
- **WHERE:** Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, Orinda
- **WHEN:** Tuesdays through Sundays, through June 22
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 40 minutes
- **HOW MUCH:** \$13-\$46
- **CALL:** 510-548-9666

Moscone's staging uses those elements to brilliant effect.

Elsewhere, the staging doesn't serve the play as smoothly. Saturday, the actors seemed to have trouble negotiating the raked stage, and the second half's battle scenes looked awkward and unconvincing as a result.

Nor are all the roles as clearly defined as Callender's. This was particularly true in the relationship between Brutus (a thoughtful Charles Shaw Robinson) and Cassius (a shrewd, insinuating James Carpenter). As the leaders of the conspiracy against Caesar, Robinson and Carpenter each have strong moments, but neither emerges as a fully dimensional character.

There are fine performances from Andy Murray's canny understudy Antony, Domenique Lozano's empathetic Calpurnia, Nancy Carlis' anguished Portia, and Dan Hatt's sardonic Casca. The ensemble, most playing multiple roles, all make key contributions.

Still, it's the strength of Callender's performance that gives this *"Caesar"* its greatest authenticity. Even after his murder, Callender's glowing appearances as the ghost deliver the production's most bracing jolts of reality.

Whipp. (R: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B

'THE LIZZIE MCGUIRE MOVIE': Whitebread girl fantasy galore. Disney's 'tween queen (Hilary Duff) goes to Rome following her middle-school graduation. Sure, she looks 21, but she's still sugar and spice and everything nice. She meets up with a cute Italian pop star, who is looking for a stand-in for his ex-girlfriend/singing partner. And guess what? Lizzie looks just like her.

Whatever, Duff is cut as a button,

and Lizzie learns valuable life

lessons about friendship, loyalty,

and most important, Italian fashion!

This movie will not make your little girl want to grow up to be a rocket scientist, but it's harmless fun. — M. Polis. (PG: mild thematic elements)

1 hour, 30 minutes. B

'MANIC': Director Jordan Melamed approaches his story — about a group of emotionally disturbed California teenagers locked up in a private psychiatric hospital — with digital camera grasped none too firmly in hand, shooting every sequence as a restless, jittery search for a point of view. He never really finds one. Lyle (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is the newest resident of the high-security wing. For all of his uncontrollable inner violence, Lyle is attracted to the painfully shy, withdrawn Tracy (Zooey Deschanel). When the two begin a clandestine relationship, it proceeds more from movie-star logic than it does from dramatic necessity. The other characters in the film are largely stereotypes — well-intended stereotypes, but stereotypes nonetheless. What passes for a climax here is the kids' realization that they might as well stop struggling, relax and take their medications. Not exactly a revolutionary gesture. — D. Kehr. (R: language, moments of shocking violence.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C-

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"MAN ON THE TRAIN": Two

craggy-featured Frenchmen, one

roomy country house with a leaking

roof, and the prospect of both men

trading lives with each other. These

elements would turn a Hollywood

studio executive's hair white if you

were trying to pitch the story.

But in Patrice Leconte's *"Man on the Train,"* they add up to a thoroughly

engaging character drama. Johnny

Hallyday plays Milan, the man of the

title who steps off a train and enters

a sleepy French village. What does

he want? A retired schoolteacher

named Manesquier (Jean Rochefort)

is about to find out. You can't get

enough of these two guys playing off

each other. They are the words and

music, the heart and soul of the pic-

ture. Even at the end, when things

become increasingly hokey and con-

Events

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BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Sol Americano, D'Ampibians, Subteraneanz, June 6. \$6. Alphabet Soup, UC BUU, June 7. \$7. Felice, June 8. \$3. All Star Jam with The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, June 9. \$4. Already Dead, Astral Dream; Puddingstone, Scribe, June 11. \$7. Sparkle, June 12. \$5. The People, Chocolate Jesus, Monkey Knife Fight, June 13. \$6. The Servants, The Substitutes, Kent Craig, June 14. \$7. Forgive the Day, Oswald, The Catholic Combi, June 15. \$3. For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley 510-848-0886 or www.blakesonetelegraph.com

CATO'S ALE HOUSE — Christopher Gamper Trio featuring Michael Emanuel, June 8. Irish Session, June 11. Jose Roberto y sus Amigos, June 14. Andrew Freeman, June 15. Free. Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-655-3349 or www.marcato.com

DOWNTOWN — Danny Caron and Friends, June 6. Jamie Davis, June 7. Mimi Fox, June 10. Jules Brouard and Ned Boynton, June 11. Kuni El Lebranjo Flamenco Guitar, June 12. Rhonda Benin and Soulful Strut, June 13.

PONTE JUNK TRIO — Post Junk Trio, June 14. Free. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-649-3810 or www.downtown-restaurant.com

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Stacy Earle and Mark Stuart, June 6. \$15.50 to \$16.50. Oak and Ash, June 7. \$16.50 to \$17.50. Oak and Ash and Thorn, June 7. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

QUEENS OF BOOGIE-WOOGIE — Carol Fran, Carmen Getit, Wendy Dewitt and Sue Palmer, June 8. \$15.50 to \$16.50. Jimmy Bruno, Carol Denney and John Palme, June 10. \$15.50 to \$16.50. Scoop Nisker, June 11. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

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Jackie Greene, June 12. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

So Vo, June 13. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Flight 357 — Flight 357 Annual Concert, June 14. With Phil Marsh and members of the Cleanliness and Godlessness Skiffle Band, East Bay Sharks, Darryl Henriches, Marc Silver and more. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Country Joe McDonald, June 15. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

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JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — Maria Bermudez y Sonidos Gitanos, June 13, 8 p.m.

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Bobby "Blue" Bland, June 13 and June 14, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; \$30. Emeryville Public Market, Christie Ave., Emeryville. 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com

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Free. 511 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland. 510-536-2050.

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STARLY PLOUGH PUB — Weary Boys, PBR Street Gang, June 6. Free.

Patrice Pike, Shelley Doty, June 7. \$8.

Shay Black, June 8 and June 15.

Hannah Marcus, The Oblivion Seeker, Ultratrash, June 12.

Taos Hum, Club Dub, The Spindles, June 13. \$7.

Calamity and Main, The Cowlicks, Richard March, June 14. \$6.

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

YOSHIS — Shirley Horn, through June 8. \$22 to \$26.

Anton Schwartz Quartet, June 9. \$8.

Diana Krall Quartet, June 10 through June 12.

Yellowjackets, June 13 through June 15. \$24.

Sunday Children's Matinee: \$10 per

raphers — the camera flies alongside, above and below many species of birds as they make their annual round trips. It may sound facetious, but "Winged Migration" provides such an intense vicarious experience of being a flying airborne creature that you leave the theater feeling like an honorary member of another species. — S. Holden. (G) 1 hour, 39 minutes.

"X2: X-MEN UNITED": The cast has expanded to include a few new characters, and the premise — that all the mutants, even evil Magneto (Ian McKellen), need to band together to defend the mutant race — is better than the first movie's. Director Bryan Singer (*"The Usual Suspects"*) lets things go on 20 minutes too long, and Halle Berry, fresh off her Oscar win, gets more play than her humorless performance merits.

Still, this sequel is the best kind of action flick around: Playful, lively, witty, capable of a surprise or two and emotionally satisfying. — M. Polis. (PG-13: sci-fi action violence, some sexuality and brief language.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. B

"RAISING VICTOR VARGAS": Director Peter Sollett's movie about teenagers on the Lower East Side is a sweet, sassy delight, potent not just with young lust, but with young love. Victor Vargas (Victor Rasuk) goes after Juicy Judy (Judy Marie) the hottest girl in the neighborhood, hoping to prove his manhood. Meanwhile, his best friend Judy's best friend, and Judy's younger brother courts Victor's bratty younger sister. The movie flows from the timeline of these romances, but it's just as much about Victor and his siblings' relationship with their grandmother, who is raising them alone. Tender, evocative and blissfully free of the typical Latino gangster stereotypes most movies shove in our faces. — M. Polis. (R: strong language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B

"SPELLBOUND": This Academy Award-nominated documentary is ostensibly about the National Spelling Bee, told through the stories of eight kids who made it to the 1999 finals. But that makes it sound so dry, and this is such a passionate and engaging movie. You fall hard for eight very distinct and somewhat peculiar children, and at the same time, are movingly reminded of all the best things about the melting pot and the American dream. Sharp, clever editing enhances the natural tension of the bee, and filmmakers Jeff Blitz and Sean Welch know how to use irony while remaining good hearted and true to their subjects. — M. Polis (G). 1 hour, 37 minutes. A

"NOWHERE IN AFRICA": This Oscar-winning German film is a Holocaust survival story. Based on journalist Stefanie Zweig's memoir, this is one of the better filmed examinations of Europeans in British colonial Kenya. The suffering is, in a historical sense, negligible. Yet the personal impact of the calamity is evoked with a jarring completeness. Three very lucky people get out of Nazi Germany in 1938, several months before things go really bad for Jews. This movie finds deep psychological insights where most just go hunting for big game. — B. Strauss. (NR: sex, nudity, language and racism.) 2 hours, 37 minutes. C+

"WINGED MIGRATION": Jacques Perrin's breathtaking documentary of migrating birds transports you to an exalted realm, where nature operates under its own inviolable laws.

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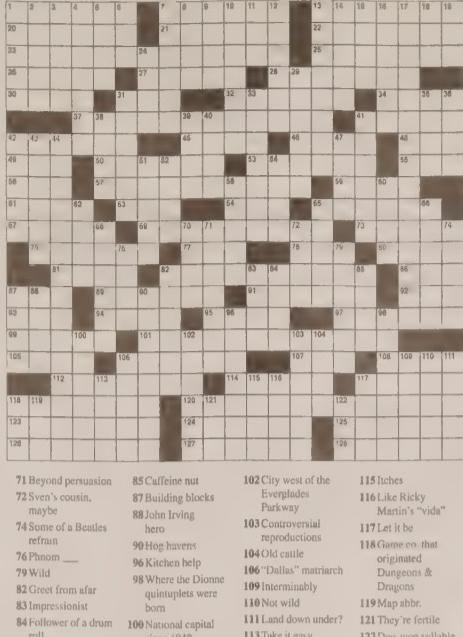
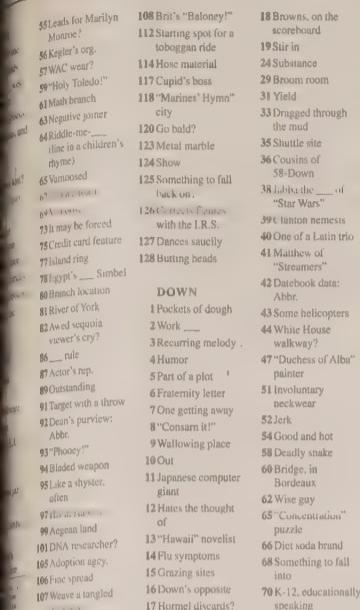
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Mark Bruce, organ. Free. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Monticello Ave., Oakland. 510-238-3896 or www.oaklandnet.com/parks-programs/ca-churches.asp

PACIFIC MOZART ENSEMBLE — A

Events

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Cappella Jazz and Pop Concert, June 7 and June 15. A program featuring songs by The Kinks, The Beatles, Donna Summer and other influential pop artists. June 7, 7:30 p.m.; June 15, 5 p.m.

\$20 general; \$15 seniors and students.

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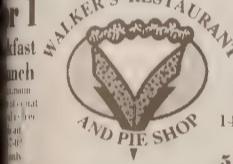
Berkeley, 415-705-0848 or www.pacificmozaik.org.

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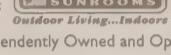
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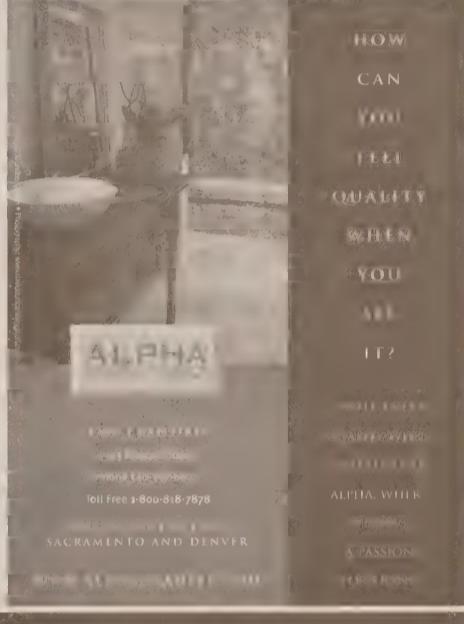
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Ravel's "Piano Concerto in G Major." Conducted by James Arthur Gardner. Pre-concert Discussion, June 8, 2:15 p.m. \$26 to \$30 general; \$22 to \$26 seniors; \$10 youth. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. 925-943-7469 or www.pcoartsymphony.com.

TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS — Esfir Ross, June 7, 8 p.m. A solo piano performance of works by Mozart, Brahms and Chopin.

\$12 general; \$8 seniors and students. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 510-549-3864.

DANCE

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Tom Rigney and Flambeau, June 7, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lessons with Diana Castillo at 8 p.m. \$9. Kotoja, June 7, 9:30 p.m. Dance lessons with Comfort Mensah at 9 p.m. \$13.

NC Blues Connection, June 11, 9 p.m. Swing dance lessons with Nick and Shanna at 8 p.m. \$9.

Jesse Lege with Sauce Piquante, June 12, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lessons with Cheryl McBride at 8 p.m. \$11. 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com.

EL CERRITO VETERANS HALL — "Ballroom, Swing and Latin Dance," June 14, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. "A Dance With Me" event, couples and singles invited. Arrive early and attend the West Coast Swing lessons at 7 p.m. \$10. 6401 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. 510-523-5587 or www.dancewithme.info

KENDRA KIMBROUGH DANCE ENSEMBLE — "Rarity of Me," June 13 through June 15. A world premiere dance event featuring writing, spoken word and movement pieces by KKDE and volunteers from Women Against Rape. The event benefits Women Against Rape.

\$15 to \$18. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Alice Arts Center Theater, 1428 Alice St., Oakland. 510-801-4523 or www.kkde.org.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — "Dance Class & Ceil," Mondays, 7 p.m. Traditional Irish music and dance.

"The Starry Session," Sundays, 8 p.m. Irish traditional music and song led by Shay Black. Sliding scale.

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on the Road

seat belts
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MOTOR MATTERS
Your seat belt is the
way to reduce your risk
of being killed in a crash.
More than 10,000
people die each year,
according to govern-
ment statistics.

However, will do a better
job protecting you than others,
as a recent study by the
Department of Transportation's
Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-
tration found.

Belts that are more effec-
tive according to the study, are
those with pretensioners and

retractors that pull safety belts
tightly across the chest.
When the pretensioner
is deployed, it forces the
occupants in position as
though they were strapped in.

Retractors, load limiters
and side air bags are also
designed to keep a person from
being thrown forward in a collision.

As pretensioners and
retractors are becoming more
common, the risk of injury is
reduced.

According to the
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration, 84 percent
of drivers and passengers wear
their seat belts.

Automakers are in-
creasingly adding them to
the rear as well. The
percentage of drivers who
use them has increased

from 50 percent in 1990 to 75 percent in 2000.

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MOTOR MAT

MERCEDES-BENZ put a lot of technologically advanced safety features in the 2003 S500 sedan, and improved the appearance with new fascia, headlights and taillights.

S500 Mercedes-Benz features innovative safety devices

MOTOR MATTERS

When it comes to safety, Mercedes-Benz has a split-second jump on other manufacturers. Measured in milliseconds, this jump could be a lifesaver in a collision.

When the on-board computers on the 2003 S500 model sense that an unavoidable impact is to occur, electric seat belt tensioners are activated and the seats rise to the best possible position for a crash.

All this occurs even before the driver is able to react. Should the car go into a skid or slide, the sunroof automatically closes.

This sophisticated technology is part of a plan called Pre-Safe that is the beginning stage of Mercedes-Benz's safety development.

Last year, this manufacturer introduced on-board computers to analyze the driver's braking habits. When the sensor determines a panic stop is about to take place, the brakes are applied before the driver's foot hits the brake pedal, thus reducing the braking distance by 3 percent.

Another safety feature of the S500 is 4MATIC, a full-time all-wheel drive system that uses 60/40 torque

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

split and requires no input from the driver.

Should the car lose traction to three wheels, 4MATIC can direct the power to the one wheel to keep the car moving — a great feature when road conditions are slippery, such as in snow.

4MATIC also allows the driver to easily shift upward or downward as

desired by simply nudging the shifter lever.

While I didn't get a chance to test any of these features, it was reassuring to know such devices were included in the \$87,415 package.

For emergency situations, the S500 also includes a Tele Aid emergency calling system that, if necessary, can call for help to be sent to the precise location of an accident by using the on-board GPS transponder.

Powered by a 5-liter, 302-horsepower V8 engine, acceleration is excellent, especially when consid-

ering this is a 4,390-pound vehicle.

The S-Class uses a fully independent suspension that has two springs and dampening systems. This makes the handling very easy, and the car is very firm when making turns, especially hard turns.

However, the ride is not as comfortable as that of other upscale, high-priced cars; some road bumps can be felt.

Nevertheless, squat braking and body roll is eliminated. The Airmatic Suspension keeps the car level re-

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SUV backcountry adventure on Henness Pass Road trek

SACRAMENTO JEEPERS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

MARYSVILLE — Sport utility vehicle and other four-wheel drive owners are invited to join the Sacramento Jeepers Four Wheel Drive Club on its fourth annual Henness Pass off-road adventure trip, July 12 and 13, which will take participants on the scenic and historic backcountry road from Marysville, Calif., to Virginia City, Nev.

"This off-highway vehicle trip is truly designed as an overnight outing for SUV and other four-wheel drive families seeking an educational and scenic drive through the Sierra Nevada," says Warner Anderson of Auburn, narrator and trail boss for the trip. "We will offer some mild four-wheeling and the opportunity to learn some interesting facts about California's Gold Rush era."

Anderson says the Henness Pass Road, constructed during the gold rush era, was one of the most heavily traveled routes in its day, but has virtually disappeared from most modern maps.

"We will take participants on this year's trip up a ridge between the north and middle forks of the Yuba River and proceed over the Sierra Nevada Mountains via the Henness Pass near Webber Lake," adds Anderson.

"It is believed that Patrick Henry designed the route through Jackson Meadows between 1849 and 1850. By 1852, this route was the most heavily used road, next to the Placerville Road and saw increased use again in 1859 when silver was discovered near Reno."

The trip will begin in Marysville on Saturday morning and there will be frequent stops as the group proceeds on to Jackson Meadows Reservoir. Camping spaces will be reserved at the lake for all participants and the Sacramento Jeepers club will provide their guests with a steak dinner with all the trimmings.

After breakfast on Sunday, the contingent will proceed down the eastern slope of the Sierras to Verdi, Nev., and continue on to Virginia City, the final stop on the trip.

Other interesting stops along the route will feature the Oregon Creek covered bridge, Sleighville House stage stop, Mountain House and the opportunity to view a working Pelton wheel near Bullards Bar Dam.

"This trip is particularly well-suited for families as we will not only

explore this forgotten road with its breathtaking scenery, but we will also visit weathered ghost towns, old mines and abandoned camps," says Anderson.

Cost for the trip is \$140 per adult, \$50 for children 7 through 14 years of age and free for children 6 and younger.

The cost includes all meals, one T-shirt and one dash plaque per adult and one T-shirt for each child ages 7 to 14. There are a limited number of vehicles that may attend this trip, so registration is on a first-register, first-served basis.

Since the trips calls for overnight camping, Anderson recommends all participants bring camping equipment including a tent, sleeping bags, air mattress, folding chairs, cooler, etc.

A citizens band (CB) radio is required for the narrated portion of various tour stops and any emergencies. Participants not owning a CB radio, may request a loaner in advance.

For more information on this year's Henness Pass Road adventure or to request a registration application, contact Kyle Wipf at 916-966-8636 or e-mail him at kylew1972@yahoo.com. Information and registration forms are also available on the club's Web site: <http://www.off-road.com/~sacto-jeep/>.

Relive the past: Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS

SACRAMENTO — Imagine you and your family driving your sport utility vehicle over the same roads and trails traveled by more than 8,000 early pioneers in 1,500 covered wagons during the 1849 to 1852 gold rush period.

The California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs can make that dream come true as it has announced its ninth annual Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride. The event will be held this year from Friday evening, July 18, through Monday, July 21, taking participants from Lovelock, Nev. to Surprise Valley, Calif., located near Cedarville in northern Modoc County.

"This is a 250-mile journey into yesteryear and we have designed the trip especially for SUV and other four-wheel drive families," says Warner Anderson of Auburn, who serves as trail boss and narrator for the tour. "Whether you are a history buff, like myself, or just want to take

your family out into the backcountry and enjoy some beautiful scenery, we will have it all."

Anderson adds, "this trip follows the same route discovered by Peter Lassen in 1849. Anderson said an estimated one-third of the 1849 gold rush emigrants used this particular trail."

This year's trail ride participants will gather at the Ramada Inn in Lovelock for a wine and cheese get-together at 7:30 p.m. July 18. At that time, Anderson will provide his guests with an overview of the trip and each vehicle owner will receive a copy of a book entitled "Trails West."

After breakfast on Saturday, the group will begin its journey across the Humboldt River, past a pioneer graveyard, through Rabbit Hole Springs and camping that evening will be at Double Hot Springs.

Sunday's itinerary will include stops at the site where Peter Lassen was murdered, Soldier Meadow Ranch, High Rock Canyon and fi-

nally to Stevens Camp for the evening Stevens Camp, discovered by Capt. John Fremont during his exploration to the West, offers toilets, spring water and possible hot showers.

On Monday, the final day of the tour, the contingent will climb over the 49er Pass, where participants will have an opportunity to enjoy a panoramic view looking back east from atop a high mountain ridge.

"The emigrants wrote in their diaries such good descriptions of their journey that we can identify all of the key points of interest in the history of this route," Anderson says. "It is not a difficult trip, but there are a few places where four-wheel drive will be required or where our trail committee instructions must be followed."

Cost for the trip is \$250 per adult and \$125 for children age 11 and younger. The cost includes all meals from breakfast on Saturday through lunch on Monday. In addition to bringing their own tent and sleep-

ing bags, participants are asked to bring a radio, camera, snacks, etc.

I organized a four-wheel drive club last year. Anderson says this trip seems to be a good idea to read and write about. Kit Carson says, "but it gives us a chance to be there and imagine it."

The Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride is organized under the auspices of Land Management from the event. The four-wheel drive club is a great idea.

The trip is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 530-873-8500 or e-mail anderson_j@msn.com.

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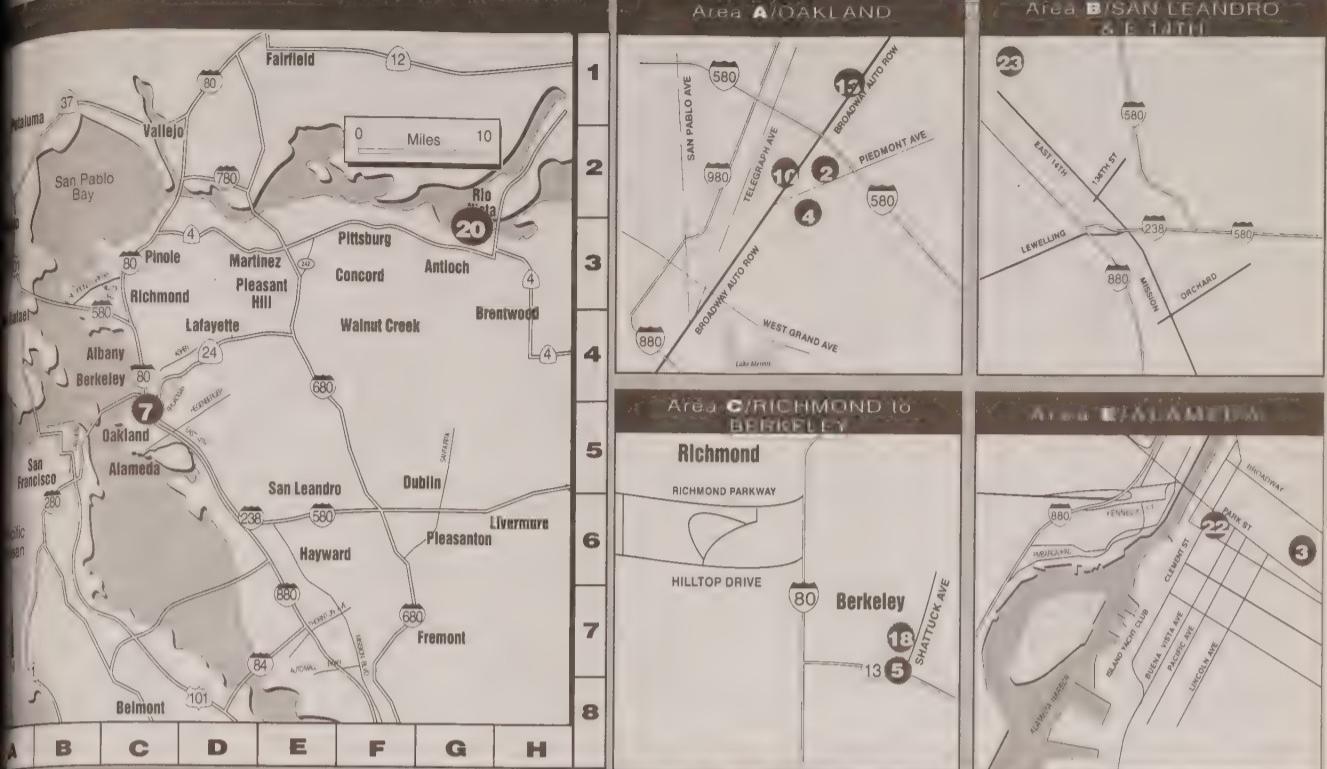
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Business notices, personal messages, lost & found

Found

BIRD: Found nr Concord Pavilion, Frt 5/30. Call to identify. 925-687-8194

CAT: Lt. Fatt, blk./whit. Afternoon Sun, Overall Rd, Orinda. 925-754-5333

DOG: Small puppy in Alameda, on Ctr Dr., found 5/31. 510-865-7369.

MUSICAL equip. by side of road in EC city, on 5/26. jkende@xcite.com

Lost

CAT: 3 legged, last seen on 5/27 in Glenview (on Green St). Black & white w/ yellow/grey tgs, blk. collar & purple tags. Missing reas. leg. 5000

CAT: Kilk/white male, short hair, neut., friendly. Arnold's Petz, Hts, Mtz. 4/25. 925-222-5162

CAT: fem, slender, black "Roma," 5/24, Richmond Annex. 510-268-2470

CHIHUAHUA 4 lbs, white w/ tan spots, beige collar, w/bell. Fem. "Tiny," San Miguel & Trejo, 5/25. 925-222-5162 If found, pls. leash. REW

COCKATIEL: Light yellow, missing since 5/17, Concord. 925-524-1959

COCKATEL: Yellow/grey, 10 weeks old, female. Reward. 925-634-4401

DOG: BASSETT HOUND, fem, San Ramon area. Reward. 925-365-1333

DOG \$500 reward. Sheep/ram, 10 mos. old, tan. El Sobrante. 510-222-5172

DOT: neut. male, 40 lbs, black back, rust colored face, ears, tail. 100' Canal @ Bridge/Foothill/Bernal. 925-846-8833

DOG: DOG, Rottweiler, neut. male, 1 1/2 yrs. old. Del. Con. 5/1. 925-625-1592

PARROT: African Grey, Sasha, red tail, she talks. Reward \$35. 925-596-0707

SIAMESE: Fem, 5 mos, tagged, neut. black & white, much. Lost. 5/21. Hidden Lakes area. 925-687-3236

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ANTIOCH Family Daycare, Pre-K, 1-2 yrs, 9am-3pm. #073404019. 925-691-7525

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Disasters on the Lawn: Yard sale mistakes that can cost you dearly

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Americans love yard sales. There's something warm and friendly about giving neighbor and stranger alike the opportunity to find something useful among stuff you no longer need.

That's the good side of yard sales.

The down side, according to author Tony Hyman, is that "every time you sell something, you're gambling. All too often you're losing money and don't know it."

You might have sold grandma's 2.5 carat diamond ring for a quarter like a Western N.Y. yard-saler, or given away a \$52,000 photo in a "\$5 frame," like another.

Most people don't take losses that dramatic, says Hyman, author of 16 books on collecting, but professional yard sale shoppers claim one home in four sells something for pennies that could just as easily bring in hundreds of dollars.

Each weekend, professional shoppers focus in on 50 or so categories with values much higher than folks realize. They look for:

- Costume jewelry including rhinestone, Bakelite(c), Victorian, and designer which sells for thousands of dollars today;

- Banana seat bicycles from the 1970s bring \$500+ and can be sold with one phone call;

- Perfume bottles often bring hundreds, and every so often tens of thousands, of dollars;

- Fishing lures have sold for \$9,000 each;

- Fountain pens have sold for \$20,000+;

- Machine-made marbles can

bring hundreds of dollars each;

- Baseball gloves, 1940 to 1970, can be \$2,000;
- Signed pottery is frequently worth hundreds, sometimes thousands;

- Cigarette lighters, especially Zippo, Ronson and Dunhill can

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Tony Hyman, author

bring hundreds of dollars;

- Cast iron frying pans, muffin tins and roasters can put up to \$1,500 in your pocket.

Collectors, dealers, authors and experts in more than 100 fields worked with Dr. Hyman to create his long-running "What's It Worth?" segments for the CBS-TV Saturday Early Show. From typewriters to old newspapers, Hyman showed viewers items they should never sell without advice.

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Don't think disasters can't happen to you, Hyman warns. A New England family sold a black vase painted with daisies at their yard sale for \$100 because they "knew it was good."

The man who bought their vase contacted Riley Humler of the Cincinnati Art Gallery (p. 55) who helped him sell the vase for \$51,700. That same Gallery sale turned a \$130 pair of yard sale vases into \$39,000 for another alert yard sale shopper.

Create a hanging garden

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You may not need a lot of earth to make your garden grow — just something to hang your plants on.

Urban planters, people gardening in confined spaces and homeowners looking for something different have given a thumbs-up to hanging gardens.

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to grow virtually anything from tomatoes to flowers, almost anywhere. For example:

Hanging strawberry kit: Kit includes 10 strawberry plants, a poly bag with holes to plant them in and a nylon rope for hanging.

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For more information on these hanging gardens, visit www.b.com/gardens.



DON'T GET FENCED IN — hanging gardens don't need a lot of space to flourish.

Pasta

FROM PAGE 1

MOROCCAN ORZO SALAD

½ pound orzo (rice-shaped pasta)

¼ cup olive oil
2 tablespoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
½ cup raisins
½ cup sliced almonds
2 tablespoons chopped roasted or raw red sweet pepper
½ cup diced onion
¼ cup canned, drained garbanzo beans
Salt to taste

Cook orzo in boiling, salted water according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain well.

While pasta cooks, combine olive oil, lemon juice and spices in a serving bowl; whisk well. Stir in remaining ingredients. Stir in

drained pasta.

Makes 6 servings.

PASTA SALAD CARBONARA

4 eggs
Three-fourths pound ziti or penne pasta
1 package (2.1 ounces) fully cooked bacon

1 tablespoon chopped garlic
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/3 cup sour cream
½ cup milk (or more)

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Sea salt, freshly ground pepper
Gently place eggs in a large pasta pot filled with lukewarm water. Place the pot over high heat. Bring to a boil and add pasta.

After 10 minutes, remove eggs with a slotted spoon and place in cold water. Continue cooking pasta until tender but not mushy. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain. Peel eggs when cool. Chop into cubes.

While eggs and pasta cook,

crisp bacon in a microwave oven according to package directions. Cut into ½-inch pieces.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a small skillet. Sauté garlic over medium heat just until softened. In a small bowl, beat sour cream with enough milk to thin to the consistency of thick cream.

Place pasta in a bowl. Stir in garlic and oil. Stir in sour cream dressing and Parmesan cheese. Fold in chopped eggs and bacon.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or chill. Bring to room temperature and stir well before serving.

Makes 6 servings.

ASIAN PASTA SALAD

½ pound fusilli pasta

1 tablespoon sesame oil
¼ cup vinegar

1 tablespoon sugar
2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 teaspoon powdered ginger

½ cup diced cucumber

3 ounces (1 big handful) snow peas

½ cup bagged, shredded carrots

2 green onions, sliced, including tops

2 tablespoons sunflower seeds

Salt

Cook pasta in boiling, salted water according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain very well.

Meanwhile, in a serving bowl whisk together the sesame oil, vinegar, sugar, soy sauce and pow-

dered ginger.

Peel and dice cucumber. Wash snow peas, remove stems and stack five together. Cut on an angle into two halves. Stack and cut remaining snow peas. Measure car-

rots, slice onions and flower seeds. Stir pasta into the mixture to coat every ingredient. Makes 6 servings.

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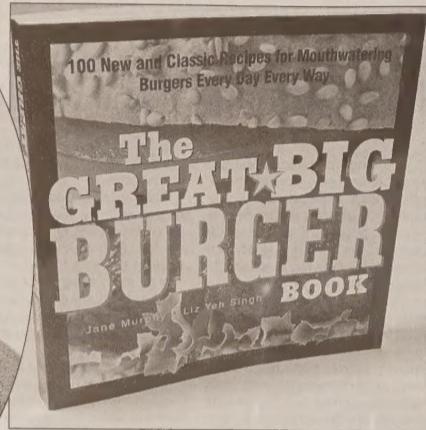
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Starting points for raising a grandchild

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One of the joys of being older is the opportunity to enjoy "parenting lite" — that is, relishing all the joy, excitement and fun of being a parent with relatively little of the everyday work of being mom or dad.

However, thousands of seniors each year are forced to upgrade their role to full-time parenting when their adult children can no longer care for the grandchildren. The proof is in the numbers:

Nearly 6.3 percent of U.S. children under 18 live in grandparent-headed households according to the 2000 U.S. Census. About one-third of these children have no parent present in this home.

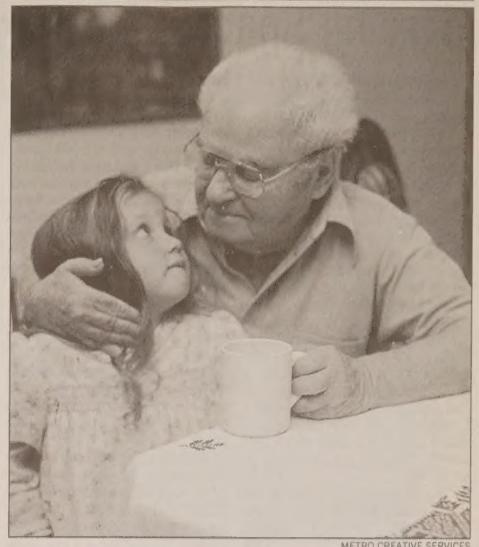
Faced with the task, where do you begin? You likely have many questions, as no one can plan in advance for death, illness, incarceration or any event that has you being given custody.

The first thing to decide is what will be the legal status of the children. Will you adopt them, care for them as their legal guardian or put them in foster care as wards of the state?

Don't try to answer these questions yourself. Instead, look to local bar associations, legal aid societies, adoption agencies or mediation services for help in making your decision and reaching an agreement on what will work best for you and your grandchildren.

From clothing and food to school supplies and, of course, toys, caring for children can be an expensive prospect.

For financial help, contact the local Social Security Administration office for information about Supplemental Security Income, lo-



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MOVING FROM GRANDPARENT to parent can seem scary, but help is available to ease the transition for both you and your grandchild.

cal department of family services and religious or charitable groups. Be sure to find out if your state offers subsidies for grandparent caregivers.

Adequate health insurance is of vital importance for the both of you. There are many options available ranging from private health plans to state insurance programs. Contact your insurance carrier to see if your grandchildren can be a dependent on your policy.

Your local or state office of health or family services may also be able to provide information about low-cost or free programs that can help you out.

All of this change can prove traumatic for you and your grandchild. You are both likely to be dealing with a range of emotions including grief, depression and anger.

Don't hesitate to seek support from a therapist, social worker, doctor or grandparent support group.

Just remember that you are not alone. There are people out there who can help grandparents like you who are raising their grandchildren.

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'Trading Spaces' for the younger set

BY KATHY BOCCELLA
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

PHILADELPHIA — When 11-year-old Abby Rivello saw a flyer about a new version of her favorite show, "Trading Spaces," in which boys and girls decorate each other's bedrooms, she knew she had to be on it. The only problem was that her bedroom had recently been redecorated in yellow and blue with a Laura Ashley bed set on the white wicker furniture.

Her friend, Danielle Piazza, on the other hand, "needed her room to be redone," Abby said sympathetically.

"It hadn't been done since I was 6," 11-year-old Danielle piped in.

Which is why on Saturday, these two girls and two boys were redecorating each other's bedrooms for a new spin on the popular home-decorating show, "Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls."

For the third show in the series, which debuts May 17 on Discovery Kids on NBC, Danielle and Garrett Graf, classmates who live around the corner from each other in a leafy, upscale neighborhood in Lansdale, Pa., worked with friends Abby and Matthew May to transform ordinary bedrooms into movie-set versions of their wildest fantasies. Their segment will air June 14.

Their parents, meanwhile, sat idly by, watching as 21-person crews took over their houses to mastermind the redos. Black plastic was taped over the bedroom windows to prevent spying, while workers unloaded equipment, creating a spectacle attracting curious kids.

If this show is anything like the original cult hit, in which neighbors swap homes for 48 hours and redo rooms with the help of a decorator, a carpenter and a \$1,000 budget, it will be a big success. Both shows are from Philadelphia-based Banyan Productions.

Here's how the spin-off works: Just as in "Trading Spaces," two families trade homes for the weekend. But the twist here is that a boy and a girl, each aided by a friend, get to redesign each other's bedrooms based on a "theme" supplied by the

bedroom's occupant.

Unlike the adult version, there is no budget, which leads to rooms that tend to be more "over the top," said one of two designers, Scott Sicari.

"We don't discuss a budget because kids don't care about a budget," said executive producer Karen Stein, admitting that the rooms cost upwards of \$5,000. "That's why we do themes. We just try to make the kids happy. It's basically a gift for the kids."

And, boy, are they happy. What 10-year-old Sixers fan wouldn't be ecstatic if his room was transformed into a real basketball court?

"It's going to be the best room in the house," said Garrett, a genial fifth grader who has no trouble keeping his room neat, according to his mom, Carol.

Of course, Garrett didn't know he was getting a basketball-court bedroom, complete with a foldaway bed so he can shoot hoops in his room, bleachers, and jerseys of his favorite players, Allen Iverson and Eric Snow, hanging on the wall.

Though the two kids can suggest themes for their rooms, they don't know what the finished product is going to look like. Garrett got to work with designer Sicari to come up with Danielle's rain-forest room, while Danielle and designer Jordan Ruderman hatched the b-ball design.

"It's more exciting to do his room," Danielle said during a lunch break. As for her own room, she was too nervous to think about it, but was sure "anything will be better than what I have now."

Will it ever! Because Danielle likes animals, Garrett and Sicari cooked up the rain-forest theme, featuring a platform bed that looks like a tree stump, a waterfall, foliage that hangs from floor-to-ceiling bamboo, mechanical screeching apes, and a parrot that repeats what is said to it.

Adults sometimes are scared to be too imaginative," said Sicari, a set designer for music videos, commercials and TV. "But kids will go for it. I tell them, 'Have no fear.'"

That philosophy carried over to the carpentry area set up in the Pi-

azzas' driveway. Part of the fun is that kids help, so Garrett and Matthew got to use a jigsaw and hole saw (after a nervous producer reminded them to wear safety goggles) to build Danielle's platform bed.

The girls, meanwhile, were busy ripping up a tan carpet in Garrett's room aided by Ruderman and carpenter Gilene Licata, a job requiring several takes.

"These two are genius designers," gushed Ruderman, who dressed in a red 76ers dress. "Today, they brought me a drawing of what they want and we're doing it, per Abby and Danielle's design."

Of course, the kids don't actually do the designs, or much of the work, either. They discuss the themes weeks ahead with the designers, who get a floor plan and measurements for the rooms they are to transform.

As for the actual work, well, they may slap on some paint or hold a jigsaw, but the kids mostly get to be part of the show and look cute.

"It's really fun," Danielle said.

And when the kids are happy, the parents are happy — sort of. Both mothers confessed to a frenzy of cleaning the week before the crews arrived. The dads mostly hung around, looking perplexed at all the activity.

"We're in the dark," Carl Piazza said from the sidewalk as workers trudged in and out of the Graf home. "We'd like to help out, but we're not allowed. All you can do is watch. It's all about the kids."

After two frantic days of work, the kids would get to see the finished masterpieces during the show's climax.

Though some participants have been known to burst into tears, there was little doubt Garrett and Danielle would be anything but delighted.

And if they weren't, too bad.

"Whatever happens to your room," Carol Graf told her son, "this is it till you move out."

To be considered for "Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls," call Banyan Productions at 215-928-1414, ext. 7092 or 7050.



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Also, by reducing inflammation, strawberries may have an added benefit for the heart. Researchers found that eating as few as eight to

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The California Strawberry Commission recently conducted a survey of Americans to uncover their feelings about this highly nutritious, delicious and popular fruit.

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sweet strawberry is always good to grow it yourself. But it's even sweeter fun to go pick strawberries for breakfast in the pot, says Jennifer Brennan, information specialist at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Right, you don't need a sunny deck, or patio, you can have the of harvesting crops from

you plan, plant and tend those who have lots of space, containers have

of herbs right outside your door, and you can duck them while you're

growing lettuce in containers, you can get it up off the ground rabbits can't get at Nancy Clifton, horticultural

at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill. "So you

can grow a harvest,

for growing vegetables in containers,

peas and beans, squash, egg-

plant at least eight hours a day.

Choose a pot. Make sure it has good drainage. Some swear plastic has its

in moisture and it's right.

Good thing if you're going to move it, but not so root or windy balcony? Use a bigger pot.

Planting something in the wind will just carry it right off the roof," says C. Wolford, urban gardener at the University Extension.

Pots also hold onto moisture and are essential for plants such as tomatoes and Clifton suggests that the water be at least half the mature plant. So if the tomato transplant will stand tall, you need at least a wide pot.

Converse also applies: plants that are sized for window boxes today are bred compact in containers.

Tomatoes or smaller sauerkraut—those that will grow and then stop.

Or compact bush varieties cucumbers or squash, like patty-patties. But compact varieties, plant one major vegetable.

Any vine plant, such as tomatoes, peas or squash, provide a tomato cage and of bamboo poles for support.

Of course, you want to sprawl, Clifton planting the small-fruited

tomato 'Tumbler' in a hanging basket and letting it cascade over the sides. And if your container is large enough, you can combine a tall vegetable with a cascading vegetable, such as beans, or with herbs such as thyme, oregano or basil.

Just make sure that you choose smaller varieties of herbs that won't swamp the pot.

Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, who grows herbs in Elmhurst for The Backyard Patch, a mail-order herbal tea and gift business, likes to plant tall bronze fennel in the middle of a mixed pot of herbs. It anchors the composition much the way drama spikes often are used in pots of annuals, she says.

Some early crops such as radishes, lettuce and peas can be started from seed in a pot, the soil of which will warm up faster in spring than will garden soil. But for hot-season vegetables, it's best to start with high-quality transplants, Clifton says.

As for soil, the most important thing is good drainage. Veteran container gardeners use their own mixes of compost, peat moss, sand and other ingredients, but Wolford suggests commercially packaged soilless potting mix, which is sterile and has excellent drainage.

Whatever soil you use, you'll need to fertilize because you're going to water a lot and that washes away nutrients.

Wolford suggests mixing a slow-release fertilizer, such as Osmocote, into the soil, and watering new transplants with a starter fertilizer high in root-building phosphorus (the middle number, such as 5-30-0). If you don't use a slow-release fertilizer, use a balanced fertilizer (such as 5-5-5 or 10-10-10) at regular intervals all season. Or use it half-strength every time you water, Brennan says. Lautanen-Raleigh steeps compost in water for compost tea.

The final essential ingredient to successful edible containers is watering. Soil in containers dries out faster than garden soil. In the hottest part of the summer, when temperatures top 90 degrees, you may need to water containers twice a day or more, Brennan says.

Most herbs can stand drier soil, but if vegetable plants are stressed by drying out just once they will not fruit, she says.

Rooftops and balconies, exposed to hot dry wind, are especially tough on container gardens, Wolford says. On rooftops, reflected heat can raise the temperature of pots well above that of hot summer air, he says. "You have

to watch and water," Wolford says. Combine that with the pinching back needed to keep plants within bounds, and "containers can be high-maintenance," he says.

Through the season

Try planting a succession of crops in your edible container garden through the growing season.

Late March or early April: Sow seeds for lettuce or mesclun, sugar snap peas, radishes or baby carrots according to package directions in soilless potting mix in a large container, at least 18 inches in diameter. (If you plant peas, give them something to climb on.) Water gently, keeping soil evenly moist at all times. Place the pot in a sunny spot. Be prepared to cover it if forecasters predict temperatures will fall into the low 20s. As seedlings come up, thin the lettuce and add the tiny leaves to salads.

Mid-to-late April: Pull up a few lettuce plants (salad again), and add pansies or violas in the resulting gaps. Now, when you harvest the lettuce, cut one leaf at a time so you don't create more gaps. Harvest peas, radishes or carrots as they mature. Keep the pansies or violas deadheaded to encourage flowering, and use their blooms as salads or as garnishes.

End of May or first week in June: As weather heats up, lettuce will start to bolt and turn bitter. Harvest the last of the lettuce, or pull up the other spring crops, and add a patio tomato plant, or bush bean, eggplant or pepper plant. Don't forget to stake when you plant. Leave a few violas and pansies in place, but expect their flowering to fall off in hot weather. Or, plant some herbs around the vegetable plant, such as thyme, dwarf basil or oregano. Look for decorative basil varieties with frilly or burgundy leaves.

Late August: Sow some more lettuce seed or another crop of peas in the shade of the vegetable plant.

Late September or early October: Harvest the last of the summer vegetables (or herbs) before the first frost. Remove the vegetable plant and add more pansies or an ornamental kale plant for fall color. The kale is edible. Harvest lettuce or peas until killed by frost.

Winter: If the pot is frostproof, empty it and use it for a display of cut evergreens and ornamental berries. Otherwise, store it indoors.

Read up on this gardening specialty

"The Container Gardening Encyclopedia", Thunder Bay Press,

348 pages, \$19.98

This reprint of a British book is wide-ranging and accessible, with many excellent step-by-step photos of techniques for both pots and plants. There are clever instructions for decorating store-bought containers to make them look well-aged, as well as instructions for making a planter of hypertufa, or concrete mixed with peat moss. Planting and care information is well-organized and detailed. One caveat: Written for Brits, the book assumes much milder winters than we have in Chicago.

■ "The Complete Container Garden", David Joyce, Reader's Digest Association, 215 pages, \$19.95

An informative and attractive book, with nicely presented basic information, including suggested planting plans. Its best feature is the organization of plant profiles by their characteristics (blue flowers, purple foliage, subtle grays). Another British book, light on advice for winter protection.

■ "The Potted Garden: New Plants and Approaches for Container Gardens", Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 111 pages, \$9.95.

For concise, crisp, solid advice on many gardening topics, it's hard to beat the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's little 21st-Century Gardening Series handbook. This one is no exception. In a small space, it packs a lot of information on outdoor container gardens — from container care to water gardens to overwintering.

■ "The Bountiful Container", Rose Marie Nichols and Maggie Stuckey, Workman Publishing, 432 pages, \$16.95

The emphasis here is on growing food plants in containers. The style is chatty and the information is ample and clear. There are individual articles on growing and using vegetables, fruits and herbs, with a few recipes sprinkled in for seasoning.

■ "Lasagna Gardening for Small Spaces", Patricia Lanza, Rodale Press, 288 pages, \$15.95

In 1998, Lanza wrote a hugely



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POT MARIGOLD AND PANSIES, both edible flowers, are mixed with bronze fennel, loose-leaf lettuce "Red Sails," loose leaf lettuce "Freckles," peas and a strawberry plant in this edible container garden planted by Nancy Clifton of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

though the organization is not as handy as it could be. This is another British book with a mild definition of winter.

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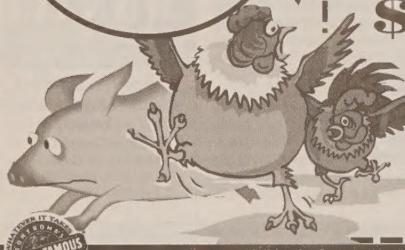
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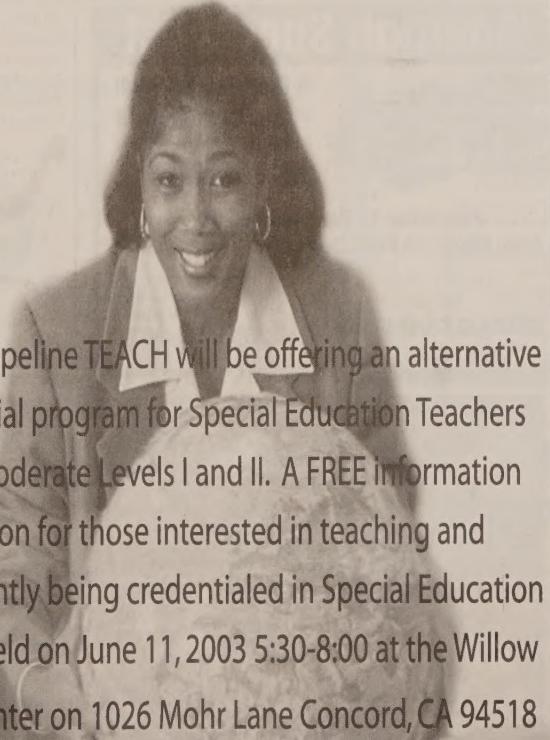
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